Identical

car made

to trace

bombers

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter Detectives investigating 1 Harrods bombing believe th

can trace some of the mot-ments of the Austin 1300 G used to hold the bomb as it w prepared by the Pravision

The car was bought from

part-time dealer in west Lond on November 22 by a man w

a northern accent. In the pa

few days people have to Scotland Yard of sightings and around London after them

Commander William Huelesby, head of the anti-terror squad, said yesterday that tear, registration KFP 252K, w

the best clue the police had, they needed to fill in

movements before the bor

It could have been parked

back street or suburb

hidden in a lock-up garage.
The bomb was likely to ha

been inserted the night belo

the blast or on Saturd morning with a timing devi-which started after the car w

A replica of the Austin will placed today in Hans Cresev to jog the memories of potenti

Mr Hucklesby appealed ye

terday for people to hand in an photographs taken in the Crescent last Saturday.

"We want photographs fro early morning. What I at trying to do is to reconstrute photographically every mome of what happened in Har

Crescent. I hope to build up

chronological picture

parked.

Tuesday

Writing on the wall Graffiti has gone up market from the ghetto to the art gallery.



Dressing up for the New Year

Head Ache Our Brussels correspondent looks at the headaches of the EEC

presidency
Play up, play up
Christmas holiday sports
outd-up

Humbug! Roger Scruton cries humbug to the politics of

Brittan may back police gun plans

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, is expected to support senior police officers' sugges tions for changes in training and assessment for the use of

Steven Waldorf case.

Mr Brittan and Sir Keith
Newman, Metropolitan Police
Commissioner, are soon to discuss the issue

Canada's first woman governor

Mrs Jeanne Sauve has been appointed Canada's first woman Governor-General. Aged 61, she is at present Speaker of the Canadian House

Polish arrests

Six people, including two police officers, have been indicted in Warsaw in connexion with the death in custody last May of a young Solidarity supporter.

Angola raid

South Africa has admitted that its armed forces are engaged in a limited campaign against guerrillas of the South West Organization

Bishop alive

Honduras said that the missing American-born Catholic bishop, Mgr Schlaefer, reported by Nicaragua to have been murdered by guerrillas, was safe and would give a press conference in Tegucigalpa today

A report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council says. people who have lung cancer because of their exposure to asbestos should be entitled to state disability benefit Page 2

Cancer report

Inside story

As another motorist was jailed for drinking and driving. The Times takes a look at the fate of those consigned to a police cell

GM-Toyko link

In a sweeping revision of US antitrust laws, General Motors and Toyota have been given tentative approval to build cars jointly in California Page 27

Money quiz

Family Money readers can test their memories, and re-evaluate the year's best savings tips, with the annual Christmas quiz

Kremlin gloom

After four years of fighting in Afghanistan the Kremlin appears to have lost hope of breaking the military stalemate or reaching a political settlement Page 8

Vatican tangle

American Protestants have united against White House plans to establish diplomatic ties with the Vatican

Leader page, 15 Letters: on Charities, from Mr N Hinton: Ireland, form Lord Hylton: God and man, from the Right Rev Simon Phipps Leading articles: Christmas; Waldorf shooting Features, page 14 A Christmas story by Truman

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Arts 9 Bridge 26 Brainess 27-30 Class 26 Court 16 Crossword 36	Services 16 Snow reports 31 Sport 31-34 TV & Radio 17-20 Theatres 34.35 Universities 16

Arafat splits **PLO** over meeting with Mubarak

A PLO revolt threatens Mr Yassir Arafat after his meeting in Cairo with President Mubarak upset even his moderate allies.

President Pertini of Italy said Americans were in Lebanon to defend Israel and not peace. He wants Italian troops withdrawn.

By Our Foreign Staff

mitment".

Mr Yassir Arafat faced a A statement issued later in rebellion in his Palestine Liber- the name of the Fatah central ation Organisation yesterday committee said Mr Arafat's after the dramatic meeting in meeting with President Muba-Cairo with President Mubarak rak "came as an ndividual

Mr Arafat's colleagues in the ledge or advice of the central Tunis-based moderate wing of committee of the (Fatah).
the PLO protested that he had movement. broken the organization's rules by acting on his own and that principal of collective leader-they could not be bound by the ship which is a basis and results of his talks on Thrusday

with the Egyptian leader.
In Damascus, radical PLO factions denounced by George Habash, this visit and neither the movement, nor the central leader of the Popular Front for movement, nor the central committee, nor the PLO is factions denounced Mr Arafat's fat) carries full responsibility for move. Mr George Habash, this visit and neither the Fatah

And Palestinian refugees in Mr. Arafat's former stronghold the Baddawi camp near Tripoli staged a demonstration, marching through the rublestrewn streets demanding that Mr Arafat be put on trail.

Mr Arafat, evacuated by sea with 4,000 of his fighters on Tuesday from Tripoli, astonished the Arab world by coming ashore in Egypt to see President Mubarak

Egypt was suspended from the Arab League in 1979 for signing the peace treaty with Israel Palestinian leaders have consistently denounced the Egyptian action as treachery and said there could be no reconciliation with Cairo until it tore up the Camp David accords which led to the treaty.

the central committee of Fatah. largest of the eight PLO guerrilla groups and headed by Mr Arafat himself, held a crisis meeting in Tunis to discuss his move. Three other members confront his critics in Tunis for participated by telephone. Also present were four non-Fatah members of the 14-man PLO

a collision course over the Arafat-Mubarak meeting, which has upset Mr Shamir. action and without the know-

Mr Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, visited British troops in Beirut and praised their "skilful com-

• Israel and the US are on

Back page

This visit contradicts the guarantee of our independent national decision-making.

"Brother Abu Ammar (Ara-

However, the statement stopped short of criticising the iro meeting.

Participants in the meeting included Mr Salah Khalaf (Abu lyad), usually seen as Mr Arafat's deputy in Fatah, and Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO Foreign Minister. None had backed the Fatah rebels fighting Mr Arafat in Lebanon. Other PLO officials here were

divided in their reaction to Arafat's initiative. One, close to the central committee, compared it to the late President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977. "Arafat is in a critical position," he said: But another senior official

who spoke privately, hailed the move as a master-stroke of records which led to the treaty. diplomacy which would benefit Four of the 11 members of the PLO and increase Mr Mabarak's demostic popularity. Despite rumours here yester day that Mr Arafat was about to arrive, there was no indication today that he was planning to

> several days at least. Mr Arafat was yesterday to be in the Red Sea

Pertini urges Italian pullout from Lebanon

From John Earle Rome

President Sandro Pertini yesterday startled the Italian Government by saying the 2,100-strong Italian contingent of the multination peacekeeping force in Beirut should be withdrawn. He said it no longer had a mission to defend the Palestinians and the Americans in any case were in Lebanon to defend Israel and not peace.
Talking to Italian journalists

who went to the Quirinale Palace to express their Christmas good wishes, the President recalled that he visited the contingent in November.

"As long as there were the Palestinians and the danger of a direct clash between them and the Israels, our presence in Lebanon clearly had sense," he kindness and generosity, he said. Now. Italy "risks being added: "Our soldiers, even if entangled in a war which does not concern her." The contin-gent should therefore be withdrawn. The President, who is 82, said

everyone, such as Druzes and Shia, had their interests to pursue. "even the Americans who, lets be plain, are there for the defence of Israel and not peace, and are bombing Lebanon with tons of bombs." Saving that the Italian contin-gent had earned the respect of Lebanon.

Christmas has increased by £1,307.08 in the past 12

months, despite an annual inflation rate at its lowest for

The total cost of all the gifts in the song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, has jamped like a lord a-leaping by 26.3 per cent to reach a total of £6,277.20

A number of economies

introduced last year have been perpetuated this Christmas, but

the True Lover's bill is the

second biggest since The Times

first reported the calculation in

1973 - when the total was only

Partridges and geese are the

only items not to have risen in

price. Game farms still supply

live partridges at £3 each.

Stuffed ones, easier to fix in

pear trees, can be bought too.

14 years.



President Pertini: "Why should our soldiers die?"

the local population for their they are volunteers, why should persed in the world, as the Jews

As the President spoke, Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, was flying back from a two-day visit to Israel for discussions on

Pear trees are now £6.25

each. Two-tier espaliers, at £15.90, would be another

£115.80. Pairs of turtle doves, a

rare and protected species, are impossible to obtain, though a single stuffed one is for hire at

£11.50 a week. Even white

French heas - red jungle fowl - can be hired, stuffed, at

£13.80 a week. Oven-ready

French chickens from Harrods

would be cheaper if there was

Colly birds - blackbirds -

cannot be legally sold, but the

taxidermists' rate is £9.20 for a

week's hire. Occasionally

mounted road victims can be

ladies' signets in nine carat -

The cheapest gold rings

bought outright for £25.

pigeons cost £18 a pair.

time to cook them.

The cost of true love at but would increase the bill by Christmas has increased by £348.

external services' twice weekly programme Calling the Falk-lands, Mrs Thatcher said: "I want to make one thing very, yor are all part of the same clear to you. I am not community. A life where you do clear to you. I am not negotiating the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands with anyone. They are British.

By Robin Young

they die?" He expressed preoccupation at the way the Palestinians were being disonce were, and said their leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, could not be

as great, Mrs Thatcher added: last January. The true lover's bill goes up by £1,307

The Times Christmas

pantomime, back page

are £18 each, and must suffice.

Barnacle geese can be adopted

from the Wildfowl Trust at

Slimbridge, at £6 a year each.

Swans, at £15 per annum, are

dearer because the scheme include a hand-painted pertrait

Milkmaids, even unskilled

of every bird's bill pattern.

attract more people and more business to the Falklands Islands." You, the people, have a right to determine your own future. Islands."

That is not negotiable. So you can look forward to the new her family would never forget year knowing that is absolutely "the tremendous warmth of welcome" she had experienced Describing the islands' future during her visit to the Falklands

Thatcher's sovereignty

pledge to Falklanders

By Tony Samstag.

the islanders on the BBC of life which they can build and

agricultural wage, augmented this year to £79.20 for the fiveday week. Drussners are dearer, partly because this year the Musicians' Union fixed a 25 porterage charge for their

Pipers carry their own pipes and cost only the union minimum of £33 each per session at a private house. The musicians' hill would be halved if they performed in a dance

This year the Ballet Rambert would charge £437.40 for 11 ladies dancing on two consecutive nights, 8 per cent up ou last year. The cost of leaping lords has taken a jump too, if they are to be allowed the maximum permissible expenses they could charge for mere sitting. days - up to £3.90 pach to £16.

rebuke to superpowers From Our Correspondent Rome

to the world's rulers for a change of heart saying:
"It is man who kills, not his rword and not even, today, his nissiles. Peace must therefore be built through a change of

throughout the world.

and South.

West, however, not only affected relations between the of the world.

regarded the Pope's message as desire to stop the arms race. rights and on a feeling of solidarity with the poor.

Pope issues

He condemned injustice, wa and violations of human rights

superpowers and their allies. but also aggravated aiready, strained relations in other parts It was necessary, the Pope said, to take stock of "the

formidable danger represented by these growing tensions and this polarization on a vast scale, Sources in the Vatican

The Pope yesterday appealed

More worrying than the difference between East and West were those between North Tension between East and

an implicit reproach to the sincerity of both Washington and Moscow in their professed Peace, he emphasized, could only be guaranteed if it was founded on respect for human

By last night, two dozen been handed in. The police want to intervie anyone who drove in Har Crescent last Saturday deliminate all the traffic and discover if a second car wi used by the bombers. Several times entry into the

one-way street was stopped t improve traffic flow and th bombers might have been caught in a jam.
The police operations room

will be manned constant throughout the Christmas hol Three of the four men held I

Scotland Yard under the Provention of Terrorism Act has been released, but a fourth ma is being held under an order renewed by the Home Sec retary.

Birmingham and another Manchester. Since last Saturday's bomb

ing the anti-terrorist squad and police explosives experts have dealt with between 70 and 96 false alarms. Heavy street patrols wil

cintinue up to the start of the holiday tonight, although it is thought that if the IRA strikes again its target could be military.
The Yard said yesterday that

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Record car sales as imports fall

By Edward Townsend

Ulster Christmas: Mrs Thatcher and cheering crowds amid tight security in co Down yesterday.

The Thatchers later flew by

elicopter to several places in

co Armagh to visit members of

the security forces on duty in

rather more dangerous terri-tory. She landed first at

where she spoke to members of

a Grenadier Guards platoon

about to go out on border

After lunching at Armagh, the Prime Minister visited the joint army an police post on the

intimidation.
As she left the province to return to London a Christmas message to the Ulster people.

ed from Storme

... Jim Prior and I will do

everything in our power to achieve peaceful political pro-gress in the year ahead", Mrs Thatcher said. "Christmas is a finne of

peace and reconciliation. This peace was cruelly shattered last week in London as it has been

many times in Northern Ire-

land, but the courage and dedication of all those who

work for peace and who guard our freedom, shine through like

border at Aughmecley, Tyrone, where she repeated

add Barracks, Arms

Well-wishers mob Thatcher

on Northern Ireland visit

town's largest department

Instead, they ushered her

ring crowd further along

through the enthusiastic and

the street where she was able to

buy a £60 set of Ulster-made

Tyrone crysal glasses at another abop, and her husband, Mr Denis Thatcher, bought a

As suffermed police lought a good-natured battle with the crowd, she constantly stopped to speak to legislately legislately stopped an alderly sufficience, and an alderly sufficience and dressed at Sasta Claus.

Among people she mut at the RUC station were three survivors of the Provisional IRA bomb affect on a police class at

bomb attack on a police class at the Ulster Polytechnic on December 4, and a constable on

injured in another bombing last

month. She spoke also to the widows of a police sergeant killed at the polytechnic and of

two middle-aged RUC reservists shot dead as they jointly walked the heat in Downpatrick two months ago.

"How much we owe to the

widows who are here and how much we admire their strength and fortitude in the very difficult days through which they have had to pass," she told he police andience.

give the young people a chance to know that they have the kind

which has become traditional in the Falkland Islands.

things for one another, and a life where you hope gradually to

"A life of effort. A life where-

armoured Jaguar.

shirt and tie.

outside which she had

from a discreetly

Mrs Margaret Thatcher

Ireland's front-line police and troops yesterday after deliver-

ing a fierce denunciation of the IRA during a six-hour visit to

In a strong decigration of the

Government's resolve not to

succumb to terrorist coercion,

officers and a handful of women widowed by terrorists:

Democracy is the rejection of

violence and we are never going to be defeated by hombs and

bullets - not here of expendence else in the world. We believe in certain things solly strongly. We believe in any way of life

In a tribute to the Secretar

of State for Northern Ireland

dedicated to the people of the

Her three-minute unscript

speech was delivered in the

fortress-like Royal Ulster

Constabulary station at New-

townards, co Down, 10 miles from Belfast, where well-wish-ers almost engulfed her at the start of her unannounced visit.

So great was the crush

surrounding her in the centre of the stannchly loylaist town that

senior police officers chose not to force a way through for her to make an intended call at the

Minister said last night.

In her Christmas message to

Mr James Prior, she de

the province.

The sovereignty of the Falk. We are trying to do sverything land Islands is not to be a we can to build that new matter for negotiation is the airport, to rebuild the structure new year if ever, the Prime of the Falkland Islands and to Britain's car industry will end 1983 with record sales - well in excess of the 1.72 million recorded in 1979 - and with the satisfaction of having beaten down importers to just over 52 per cent of the market.

> With just 11 days of 1983 left. new car sales for the year are more than 64,000 higher than for the previous record year.

In 1979, total car sales were 1.716 million but with almost two weeks to go before the end of the year sales are already
1.781 million according to the
returns from the industry
monitored by the Society of
Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Importers' share of the market was 52.4 per cent compared with 54.5 per cent a

As expected, Ford remains the market leader with 31.3 per cent of the British market, although the American com-pany imports large numbers of cars into Britain from its other European plants.

BL was second with 18.2 per cent of sales, well behind its target of 20 per cent, closely-followed by General Motors with 17.1 per cent.

Datson, the leading importer of Japanese cars, captined 5.2 per cent and Peugeot Talbot only 3.4 per cent. The best-selling model in the

first 20 days of Determher was the Ford Escort with sales of 6,413, followed by the Ford Sierra (5,658), Vauxhall Cava-lier (5,162) Bl. Metro (4,204), Ford Fiesta (3,664). Vaukhali Astra: (2,172). BL. Maestro (2,082). BL. Abclaim: (4,497). Volvo 300 series (L284). and Ford Orion (1, 143).

REGENT STREET LONDON W1

-Brittan likely to endorse changes in firearms training for the police

sessment of police officers no carry firearms are to be and scussed by Mr Leon Brittan, adre Home Secretary, with the Zesmmissioner of the Metroon litan Police, Sir Kenneth thnewman, in the wake of the even Waldorf case.

The meeting was announced sterday by Mr Brittan in a havatement after the Police omplaints Board announced bad at the three detectives in-We lived in the Waldorf shooting intolled not face disciplinary

1 Mr Brittan is likely to meet var Kenneth after Christmas. to the Home Secretary is expected it is endorse several suggestions their improving firearms training as rawn up by a working party of phae Association of Cheif Police agofficers, including a Scotland of card officer.

niz The changes, described by fastmr Geoffrey Dear, Assistant wit'ommissioner, last week would acrease initial training from ne to two weeks, lengthen dditional later training, assess

Changes in the training and reactions to stress and give issue of firearms but there is no better tactical instruction. Future operations involving police with fireamrs in London wili always have a senior firearms specialist on hand to

> Nearly 4,700 officers are qualified to carry guns in qualified to carry guns in London but that is likely to be reduced to give fewer men better training

Mr Brittan's statement reviewed changes in the rules on the use of guns and noted that a report from Sir Kenneth had shown "shortcomings in the selection and training of officers for firearms duties".

The Home Secretary said that further changes would take into account the selection of men who could withstand stress. There would be continual assessment after training.

The Police Complaints Board's statement on Thursday said: "during the course of the investigation a number of procedural deficiencies were discovered in the records of the

only explanation of the pro-ductivity plan and not dis-cussion of the changes that the

The 10-point "blueprint for

survival" involves changes in

long-established working prac-

said that a national strike could

lead to large-scale redundancies.

have to be introduced through

of British Shipbuilders, is on

for asbestos

victims

People suffering from lung cancer because of exposure to

asbestos will be entitled to state

disability benefit under the terms of an unpublished report

now being considered by ministers at the Department of

The report by the Industrial

Injuries Advisiory Council is a

revised version of one pub-lished in November last year

Government Asbestos safety

campaigners believe it could

cause a considerable change in

the way benefit rules are

handreds more cases being

But Mrs Ann de Peyer, the

council's secretary, said yester-

day "I do not think we are

talking about large numbers being affected by the changes

tion of Asbestosis and Indus

trial Diseases (SPAID), says,

however, the proposals will

help to end the de facto

"screening" procedures by which, for example, smokers

worked with asbestosis are

advised by doctors and solici-

Mrs Nancy Tait, SPAID secretary, said that in 1981 two

thirds of the 417 people

applying for industrial dis-ability benefit for asbestosis

were refused. Possibly 80 per

The society cites the case of

Mrs Georgina Stanford, an asbestos victim featured in last

year's television documentary Alice - A Fight for Life. Mrs Stanford, who died of lung

cancer and also suffered from

asbestosis, received no compen-sation although her family was

The report's chief recommendation is thought to be

the recognition of lung cancer as a "prescribed" disease under

industrial injuries law when

accompanied by asbestosis or

by thickening of the pleura, or

paid £4,000 after her death.

cent of those would benefit

from the changes, she said.

tors not to proceed with a

The Society for the Preven-

compensated.

Health and Social Security.

and partly rejected by

suggestion that guns used in this operation [the police operation in which Mr Waldorf was shot in mistake for a wanted man! were issued without proper authority or to officers who were not regarded as competent

"The board are satisfied that these deficiencies have no bearing on the manner in which the guns were used".

Yesterday, Deputy Assistant Commissioner James Sewell, who led the investigation into the Waldorf shooting, said that the board was told that the police inquiry discovered a minor deficiency in gun regu-lations at Paddington Green police station.

The guns were issued properly and their use was noted in a register but a number of the entries were not counter-signed as reguired by regulations. Two or three entries were involved, but they did not include the men involved in the Waldorf

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Shipyards pin hope for peace on Acas

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Film chain | Benefit plan

diff Unions and management in postponed talks could involve diste shipbuilding industry are mooking to the Advisory, Conrugiliation and Arbitration Serthe ice to produce a fresh initiative unions are demanding. o prevent the national shipyard

trike called for January 6.
The service's officials are naintaining close contact with tices and the management has oth parties in the hope that here could be agreed grounds or reopening negotiations on he management's £7 a week oay offer which is tied to a 10although changes in working practices are inevitable they withoint productivity plan.
ma Union leaders say that British

negotiation.

Ministers have made clear that they are not prepared to sanhipbuilders is asking for too channel too soon, but the tial nanagement has emphasized intervene in the dispute which while the productivity proposals is also threatening the future of haumount to a survival plan dec Aces officials have been in harmount to a survival plan the Scott Lithgow yard in the dec Acas officials have been in lower Clyde which employs chaouch with union officials and more than 4,200 workers. Nahe management, but they are Additional pressure has been findelaying a public approach until put on the yrad by the Malhere appears to be a reasonable cancellation of an £86m oil rig the tope of bringing together the suparties for talks to postpone the suparties for talks to postpone the

British Shipbuilders has re- holiday in Canada for the next shifused to reopen negotiations two weeks and union leaders point the unions until the strike believe there can be no resol-Leighreat is withdrawn. It has said ution to the dispute until he stifthat even if the strike was returns.

monopoly

challenged

By David Hewson

Arts Correspondent

some of the monopolies of film

exhibitors and distributors for a

trial period on the recommen-

Mergers Commission.

dation of the Monopolies and

bar the practice of restricting popular films to big cinema schains for an initial period.

which has been criticized by

independents in the cinema

Mr Alex Fletcher, Under

Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and

Industry with responsibility for

corporate and consumer affairs.

said that he would ask the

Director-General of Fair Trad-

ing to give the scheme a six-

month trial in selected places

before making recommen-dations for implementing it

The system of "barring" has

But the monopolies

been vigorously defended by the

main exhibitors and distribu-

commission concluded that it

was against the public interest

and caused delays in the release

The report recommended that no popular film could be

exhibited for more than four

weeks in any cinema unless it

had been made available to

competing theatres. The four-

week limit will be introduced in

the experiment approved by the

Department of Trade and

Seven of the leading box

office successes in Britain last year when the project of the domestic cinema industry,

according to figures issued by

the trade magazine Screen International. They were Return

of the Jedi (placed second), Ghandhi (fourth), Superman III

(sixth), Monty Python's The

Meaning of Life (tenth), The Dark Crystal (twelfth), and

Britain's most popular film

was E.T., which took a record of

more than flom at the box

Local Hero (sixteenth).

nationally.

of popular films.

The principal effect will be to

The Government, is to break

Airline to fight hive-off

Lord King British Airways chairman yesterday raffirmed his determination to fight any attempt to split the airline. And the airline's trade unions said they were "outraged" at British Caledonian's proposal to hive off £200m of British Airways

"My answer to that is: British Airways is staying as it is united

The British Airways trade unions would be making a submission to the Civil Aviation

Montreal Mauritius Barbados and Saudi Arabia. Additional between London and Scotland.

the sun, mainly Spain and Portugal, are expected to increase by 26 per cent on last year. Those taking ski holidays vill be 10 per cent up, with Austria as the most popular

Airways flights is 10 per cent up on last year, a new high. Peak routes for Christmas cards are to the United States, South Africa, Hongkong, Japan and Europe.

ractory bonus All 1,300 employees at J C Bamford's excavator factory in

Rocester, Staffordshire, have been awarded a £265 Christmas

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

A plan to build a flyover the

ength of Oxford Street in an

attempt to restore its place as

Britain's leading shopping street

has : encountered opposition

including Selfridges and John

larly after the congestion caused by thousands of Christmas shoppers, that something is

needed to improve the street's

appearance and accessibility for

pedestrians. The plan would enable people to walk freely

mong the shops untroubled by

the heavy traffic.

There is little doubt, particu-

some of the largest shops,

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

routes and assets.

In a Christmas message to staff Lord King says 1983 has been a success and 1984 will be even better. He adds: "Now that we are successful you will no doubt have noticed the opportunist attempts by others to demand a part of British

In the same issue of British *Airways News* MrColin Varndell, chairman of the British Airways trade union council, writes that people in British Airways may rightly feel concerned, if not outraged, at the proposals from British Caledonian that a large chunk of our routes and assets should be taken away, particularly after all the sacrifices of the past few years."

Authority that the future careers of those who were turning British Airways into profit should be taken into account in any review of aviation policies. "We will be paying close attention to the need to keep the airline as a single entity, with no selling off of separate parts."

 British Airways is expecting a busy Christmas, with record traffic to holiday sun and ski

Airmail traffic by British

Airways for themselves.

The state airline is putting on extra flights to Geneva, Zurich, planes will be provided on domestic flights too, especially

Holidaymakers heading to destination.

The homeless Sheltering from despair

Kathleen Joyce, aged 20 (left), and Rachel Jarrett, aged 17, are two of London's many thousands of homeless young people who were facing a long Christmas week yesterday.

They are lucky enough, however, to have found places in a 20-bed hostel in Rufford Street, Islington, north London, run by Alone in London, a charity specializing in helping people aged 16 to 25, many of whom have come to the capital to find the streets paved with despair. Alone in London, one of ten similar

agencies in Greater London, counsels about

Submarines

Sinking

a few

By Rodney Cowton

Several hundred Britons will

be passing their Christmas

around the Falkland Islands to

the wintry North Atlantic and

the holiday from each of the

three main groups in the British

crew of about 147, the nuclear-

powered Fleet submarines.

which do not carry Polaris and

have a crew of 100 to 116, and

the diesel-powered Patrol sub-

All do extended petrols, which for the nuclear-powered

boats may last between two and

four months. For the most part

the submarines remain unseen

throughout their patrols, al-

though off the Falklands, where

there is usually one nuclear-

powered boat on patrol, and

occasional rendezvous with a

surface paval vessel will be

In any case, submariners

have their own traditions for

celebrating Christmas. They

will have with them the

necessary ingredients for a

Full watch-keeping will be

maintained, with between a

that the starting and finishing

Oxford Street flyover proposed

times of watches will be itself.

third and half of the crew on duty at all times, but it is likely

traditional Christmas meal.

arranged

marines with a crew of 65.

There will be at least one

many fathoms deep.

the Barents Sea.

1,200 young people a year. Its 10-month-old hostel, rented from a housing trust, is meant to supply emergency accommodation as well as training to enable its charges to find work and housing. Volunteer tutors offer courses in skills from cooking to photography and Crisis at Christmas, which is among the

sponsors of Alone in London, will provide a home for more than 1,000 people in a disused warehouse in Vauxhall. The organizers estimate they will serve more than 20,000 meals between now and (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

them to Oxfam '

next year.

Greenham women

Cheering up a damp camp Peace and good will to all and it is in danger of going bad.

women has been the message at We have decided to match the the Greenbarn Common camp police and have made up in Berkshire, where more than parcels of Christmas goodies 100 women and children will be which peace women will deliver celebrating a cold, damp and to old people's homes in

be passing their Christmas dedicated Christmas. Newbury."

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Clothing has also been given by hundreds of well-wishers. Unlike previous Christmases

They are the crews of the few when only a few peace pro
ubmarines on patrol in waters testers have held the fort at Eva Webb added: "There is so be much clothing at the camp that ranging from the South Atlantic Greenham. 1983 will remembered as the festive occasion at which supporters rallied round to show their solidarity for the enduring submarine away on patrol over campaign against cruise missiles.

women have been submarine fleet: the nuclear- overwhelmed by Christmas powered Polaris vessels with a goods arriving by the sackful. As they sat around their camp fire yesterday, the protesters pointed to huge tents housing food and clothing.

Eva Webb, aged 25, said: 'We've turned one tent into a arrived yesterday for Christmas. said: "There are quiet a few kitchen, where cakes, fresh vegetables mince pies, tinned food and sweets are piled right several women will be dressing up to the top. "We have far too much food

"sods' opera" and

The "sods' opera" is the adjusted so that men do not have to leap up straight from a Christmas meal to go on duty. Among the characteristic elements of a submarine Christmas are the familygram, the blue humour.

performed by a junior rating. Normally every crew is entitled to receive one familysram a week, transmitted from shore, but at Christmas an extra familygram is allowed, with special efforts being made to ensure that it is transmitted on or as close as possible to the day

nearest thing to c concert party that the crew can put on, with as much dressing-up as circums-tamces permit, and a heavy emphasis on in-house jokes and To carry out his Christmas

The camp has assumed a

festive look with supporters'

cards festooning the barbed and

chain-linked wire around the

A woman called Briony, who

children here and I am sure

up as Santa Claus for the big

"rounds", a tour of inspection of the vessel, a junior rating, usually the youngest person aboard, will don the Commander's uniform and find as much fault, and have as much fun at the expense of his superiors, as his ingenuity and

Farm aid to be suspended

By Hugh Clayton Payment of cash aid to hundreds of farmers will stop on New Year's Eve when the EEC rules governing them expires. Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday However, he was confident a renewal of pay-ments would be allowed at the next meeting of the EEC council of farm ministers on January

"In the meantime I shall have to suspend payment of grant and the approval of any new development plans and variations". he said Officials could not say how

much money would be blocked or how many farmers would be But the British Government's

contributions to some EEC aid schemes would stop when the ommunity share was blocked. Mr Christopher Pecler, a National Farmers' Union official said the union was worried that grants for investment on dairy farms might

common enemy, the IRA, Mrs to any ideas for political change Margaret Thatcher responded which the forum may suggest in warmly to an article in The its report, expected in March. Times by the Irish Prime Minister, Dr Garret Fitzgerald. Irish ministers believe that Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues may be ready to entertain new ideas for attract-

Dr Fitzgerald observed that the sense among Irish people of shared grief and outrage with the British people was stronger than at any time he could recall. He asked the politicians and public in Britain to join in a commitment to "exclude the need for urgent action.

Dr FitzGerald said on radio

He promised that no refuge would be given in the Irish Republic "to any who commit crimes of violence in these

Thatcher welcomes

Dublin offer to

tackle terrorism

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher, in a statement as she left Belfast to return to London yesterday, said she warmly welcomed and accepted Dr FitzGerald's "invitation to step up even further cooperation in the battle against terrorism".

But the Prime Minister made no explicit response to Dr FitzGerald's main argument, which was that successful joint action against terrorism re-quired joint political structures. He implied that, by working to find such structures through discussions in the new Ireland Forum, political parties in the republic were doing more than British politicians to defeat the IRA by undermining their SUPPORL

"No one should doubt the will of Irish democratic politicians," he wrote, "to tackle the security problems of this island." The gunmen has been sustained at times "by an over emphasis on security policy at the expense of politics.

"The only convincing way that governments and politicians can now demonstrate their resolutions to stand against terrorism is to act urgently and resolutely together on the political front."

There was new evidence Dr FitzGerald has been yesterday of fellow feeling working on Mrs Thatcher, since between the British and Irish his visit to Chequers last governments in the face of their month, to be ready to respond:

ing republican voters away from Sinn Fein and its violent allies. They are not so sure that Westminister Conservative MPs in general are as open minded or as persuaded of the

yesterday his government will not rule out imprisonment without trial as an ultimate weapon against terrorists.
"Our Government and any

other government here would always be prepared to use it if necessary", he added in an interview on RTE, the republic's state-backed radio station. But he did not consider the time had yet arrived for the

introduction of internment. According to government sources the Cabinet is to discuss intenment at its first meeting in: the new year on January 3, but ministers are expected to agree with Dr Fitzgerald that it would be counterproductive introduce it at this stage.

·While he was accompanying Mrs Thatcher on her visit to Belfast, Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday: "There is a very good cooperation already, but there is always room for improvement and we could make it even closer. Early in the new year, the British Government and the republic's Government will be talking about improvements, that means meeting various mem-bers of the administration in the south", he said.

There were no plans, at present, for Mrs Thatcher to take part in such discussions, and Mr Prior declined to detain what new measures he might be

Guardian mole explains By Our Political Staff

The young civil servant dismissed on Monday for leaking a confidential paper said

in the public interest. The paper, used for reports last month in Time Out magazine and The Guardian, showed that private discussions over the possible shape of employment legislation were held between Lord Donaldson,

An administrative trainee in we have filled 200 plastic binthe department in his carly liners full of clothes and sent twenties was first suspended and then dismissed for the Money has also flooded in publication of what his emfrom all over the world ready ployers described as a stolen for the fines when more than copy of Mr Quinlan's private 400 protesters go to court early

note of the meeting.
The "mole" said yesterday that he considered the meeting between Lord Donaldson and Mr Quinlan was a breach of the constitutional principle that the judiciary and executive should be separated as far as possible. It also exhibited the dangers of ncreasing judicial involvement in industrial relations and disputes.

He said he also knew what his department's reaction would be and thought it would illustrate the nature of official secrecy in Britain.

The mole, whose name has not been disclosed was interviewed on BBC Radio's World at One on the understanding be remained anonymous.

He said he had known the source of the leak would be discovered and had resigned on Vovember 30, the day of publication. He thought it entirely legiti-

mate for the Government to obtain technical advice from the judiciary on framing statutes, but not to get political

Backing for 'bad law' rebellion By Our Labour Editor

A top-level officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union yesterday supported "rebelling against bad law" and predicted mounting anger against the Government's labour law reforms

Mr Larry Smith, TGWU executive officer, condemned media criticism of the 21 union leaders who backed an unlawful strike called by the National Master of the Rolls, and Mr Michael Quinlan, Permanent Under-secretary at the Depart-of the tabloid media. Graphical Association as "vitri-

In a statement in the union': journal, he defended the "temcrity" of TUC general councilors, including himself, who endorsed a committee decision to support the NGA last week.

Mr Smith said the TUC general council members who voted to support Mr Murray's repudiation of the employment policy committee backing for the NGA were at variance with the 1982 Wembley conference decisions to oppose the 1980 and 1982 employment acts.

"Far from being unrepresent-ative, the positive 21 will lead the majority of trade unionists in the fight to protect their unions, the only real bulwark against politically-motivated tyranny", he said.

Correction

Lady Cox has not been confirmed chairman of Brent District Health Authority, as stated on Dec The asks us to say that she has had no discussions about taking



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Soldier 'died of drink'

A soldier whose body was flown back from South Georgia this week, died from acute alcohol poisoning, a Home

Office pathologist has found. Sapper David Mead, aged 23, of the Royal Engineers, was found dead in his sleeping bag after a "regimental knees-up". A post-mortem examination was ordered by the Ministry of

Defence after initial suspicions that he had been unlawfully

His body, which was examined at Oxford mortuary after an RAF jet brought it to Brize Norton, is expected to be released for burial by his family.

lung linings.

The ministry said yesterday that it could not comment until the verdict of an inquest was A board of inquiry would

take cognizance of the verdict

and any evidence that was

submitted, or comments made

The plan, devised by the architects, Avery Associates, has been welcomed by the Oxford Street Association and Westminster Council, whose highways and planning committee wants to see it developed

in greater detail. After Mr Bryan Avery's ecent presentation of the scheme. however, some companies have written to the association to express their doubts about its viability. Mr Harry Snepherd, association's chairman,

yesterday there was no consensus among its members for the scheme. "Some are concerned because it is such an unusual scheme, and are worried at the reprecussions if things do not work out satisfactorily," he said. Their main concerns include the lack of a management

scheme to make sure that the pedestrianized streets would be kept in good condition. Most members of the association favour pedestrianization, and the matter will be discussed

fully at its next meeting in "My own view is that it is such an imaginative scheme Oxford Circus. There, pedthat we ought to look at it estrians would go above the seriously," Mr Shepherd said.

Without financial support, Mr Avery can make little progress. He wants to have detailed models of the construction made, and they would cost £40,000 to £50,000. So far no one has offered the money, although Mr Avery says flyover.

two organizations have indi-Mr Avery said: We need to whole sch conduct a detailed feasibility privately.

study, and I am trying to seek public support. It is up to the people of London whether they want Oxford Street to become vibrant and exciting once more. or let it decline into squalor." He believes that if nothing is

done, Oxford Street in 10 years will be a street of cheap takcaway, jeans and hamburger establishments. "The biggest shops, such as Selfridges, will survive but the rest will go," he The Avery design, costing an estimated £47m at August 1982

flyover the length of the street, descending to ground level at traffic under an elevated glass The flyover would take only buses and taxis, while the streets running north-south would carry private traffic. The ground

prices, involves a three-lane

These, would be intended to cated they might be prepared to help to pay for the construction, and it is envisaged that the whole scheme could be funded

level would be paved and landscaped, and more shops

would be provided under the

never be renewed.

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Bank action

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By David Cross
A strike by some bank counter

clerks to protest at not receiving a half-day holiday

receiving a half-day holiday caused only minor inconvelence yesterday.

Although the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union had said that most of its 80,000 members would obey the strike call, the employers said that about 6,000 workers left at noon, when the stoppage began.

A spale group for the Beal.

A spokesman for the Bank-ing Information Service, which represents the high street baks in England and Wales, said that only 110 of more than 11 000 breaches

11,000 branches had been

closed. Many were small sub-

. Support for the strike was concentrated in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham,

east London, Newcastle and

Tyneside. Barclays described the strike

a random survey of 30

branches in the City, Holborn and the West End of London yesterday afternoon showed

that they were all open,

although in many there were

more closed counters than

normal. There were few cus-

tomers, who were able anyway

chines,
A small group of union
protesters gathered outside the

headquarters of the Federation of London Clearing Banks

Employers near the Bank of

England in Lombard Street, led

by their general secretary, Mr Leff Mills. They were ac-companied by a Santa Claus and a handful of Bob Cratchitts

wearing "Save Our Christmas"

In a fively debate staged for the benefit of reporters, Mr Mills accused Mr Nicholas

Cowax, director of the em-

ployers' federation, of imper-

sonating Scrooge.

But Mr Cowax said that it

was well worth keeping banks open for the benefit of cus-

tomers, despite union oppo-

to use cash dispensing ma-

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grower of Pacific Oysters in the British Isles, expects to sell them at 30p each.

Mr Parsons said yesterday: "The logic is simply that we have been overawed in this country by the traditional way of eating oysters. Elsewhere in the world, particularly the United States and Australia, it is very often offered already cooked.

However, Mr Rodney Emmaunel, chairman of Wheeler's fish restaurants in London, said:

"We do serve cooked oysters

Driver kept in custody because court fears further offences

A banned driver, arrested for his second driving offence involving alcohol within a month, was ordered in custody for Christmas yesterday.

Mr Quentin Campbell, the Marylebone magistrate, called for probation reports on Days.

for probation reports on Daya-lan Somasundaram, aged 26, who admitted driving with twice the legal limit of alcohol fied.

He also admitted driving without a licence, without insurance, and while disqualified.

custody because I fear further • Nottinghamshire offences judging by your past disclosed vesterday that only 20 history. Mr Campbell told of the 1.521 drivers given him, as he ordered a three-week breath-tests so far in a Christ-

31 positive readings out of the 975 breath tests forthe same period last year.

The police said: "We are pleased with the results but do not want to be too complacent just yet because Christmas has not really begun.

In Derbyshire, the police ave breath tests to 642 motorists in the first seven days of their campaign. Only 33 of those tested were over the limit. and a spokesman said the results were encouraging and an mas campaign have been over improvement on last year.

Lessons for prisoner in Cell 4

Staring at the mustard-coloured walls of Cell 4 under Grays police station for 48 hours has persuaded David Jones that drinking and driving 100 millilitres of breath - nearly double the permitted limit. make a dangerous cocktail.

Jones, aged 21, was released at 8am yesterday, the latest victim of a purge in the Essex town where magistrates are teaching drink-driving offenders

"The remand will be in

a short, sharp lesson.

After foregoing the pleasures of a prisoner's breakfast, he there. walked to the bus stop, anxiously hoping to confirm that his job was still intact and wondering anyone else from drinking and what his mother. Mrs Joyce driving but it will deter me from Jones, would say when he doing it again."

He was the eleventh man in a week to receive a custodial sentence at Grays for driving with excess alcohol, and now faces an 18-month driving ban and the repayment of a £300 fine at £10 a week.

Jones, who carns £100 a week, was driving home to South Ockendon on November 6 when, under the influence of the three pints of beer and two. shandies he had drunk at a Guy Fawkes Night party, he swerved to avoid a rabbit, mounted the pavement, skidded on gravel and ended up at 4.30am.

By Michael Hornsell halfway through a garden hedge. When two patrolling police officers tested his breath shortly afterwards, they found 63 milligrammes of alcohol per

After being released, Jones told me: "It's very uncomfortable in there, I felt it was unjust to be put in a cell, though I have nothing against the police. It was the magistrate who put me

"I don't know whether this kind of treatment will deter

Locked up for nine hours a day in his 10ft by 10ft cell, he felt like a criminal - sharing washbasins, associating with other prisoners in the echoing corridors, kicking a ball in the 67 per cent in the last year. exercise yard and participating Something had to be done." corridors, kicking a ball in the in the normal pastimes, such as cards and games, which pris-

oners play to pass the time. His jailer, Police Sergeant Brian Snipe, said: "We probably treat drink-driving offenders a little better than criminals. They are not here to be leaned on, purely to be accommodated. which we pick up for them from Jan's Cafe near the bus station. But despite all this, they are chastened and ashamed of them selves for being banged up, worrying what their families and their neighbours think of

Mr Charles Noad, chairman of Grays magistrates, told me: We felt drinking and driving had become virutally respect-able, but it is an anti-social activity. It kills and injures.

"I am hoping that the sligma of a custodial sentence will act as a deterrent to others. This is partly the aim of what we are doing. Disqualification and fining were not having the required effect.

The rate of drink-driving offences here has increased by

Chalice returned

A seventeenth century silver chalice and paten stolen from St Botolph's Churchin Aldgate, in May was returned by post this week to the rector, the Rev Malcolm Johnson.

Fancy money: Staff at Barclays' Minories branch, east London, dressed up for work yesterday. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Food store bonanza

Christmas taste for the exotic

to laying in supplies of food and drink. Britons, the retailers agreed, are deeply traditional about their festive fare, but for most this Christmas will be the

Not only shall we be consuming our usual 10 million turkeys, but an increasing demand is reported for geese, beef, hams, duckling and game. There is still a consistent call for sprouts, but calabrese and mangetouts are selling better than ever as well.

The Christmas fruit bowl will popular. never have been so cosmopolitan before with Israeli kum-quats, Greek Lychees, Brazilian paw-paws, Kenyan mangoes and New Zealand kiwis augmenting traditional supplies of chestnuts, clementines, dates and nuts. Yet none of those seems likely to dull the national appetite for Christmas pudding and mince pies.

A spokesman for Tesco said: There is a move toward the luxury end of the market this year. There is a definite trend special cheeses like Brie with peppers and soft cheese with herbs, as well as the traditional Stiltons. People are also paying a considerable premium for fancy flavoured ice creams such as maple syrup and walnut and mango fruit cocktail. Tastes are simply broadening".

frozen turkey at 48p a pound, and own label champagne at January 3. £5.95 a bottle, but it also An AA spokesman urged claimed a rapid turnover in fresh geese, and a rapid increase enough petrol and necessary tion range. Stiltons were selling period. *exceptionally well*. National Express was provid-Marks & Spencer claimed to ing extra coaches to cope with

Toyshops and department the oven at £1.89 a pound. It stores emptied yesterday as also reported selling large shoppers turned their attention numbers of fresh cream and frozen gateaux and Yule logs without denting the the customary demand for Christmas cakes and puddings.

Waitrose reckoned Christmas for its customary dentings.

for its customers would be more traditional than ever with large numbers of fresh pheasants, mallard, geese, pigeons and partridge sold "in addition to the usual turkey

sales" It also reported that smoked salmon, big hams, and loose handmade chocolates were

Keymarkers said that its customers were buying "all the traditional lines in the tra-ditional quantities. There is no

sign that people are hard up". • As weathermen warned of the remote chance of a white Christmas, betting men started dreaming of a wet Christmas. William Hill, the bookmakers, stand to pay out thousands of pounds if a drop of rain falls on the roof of the London Weather

Centre on Christmas Day fresh and chilled. We are selling lots of smoked salmon and special cheeses like Post and chilled. We are selling million Christman and special cheeses like Post and chilled. (Jenny Knight writes). parcels by Christmas eve, about 30 million more than last year. Part of the increase is attributed to the six million discount pre-Christmas stamp books.

Among those with the longest breaks are some British Steel workers, who will be off duty for 16 days, including an annual Sainsbury's reported heavy leave. Ford Employees, who demand for its discounted started their break on Wednesday, and will not go back until

in sales of table wines, especial-spares because most garages will ly the premium Vintage Selec- be closed over the Christmas

have invented the convenience the Christmas rush but services Christmas lunch, with chestnut will be suspended on Christmas stuffed turkey breast ready for Day and Boxing Day.

Clergyman frisked in gun alert

There are three meals a day



Police suspect: The Rev Duncan Brereton with the window scraper that caused a police alert.

From Our Correspondent,

Police tackled a suspected terrorist gunman in the shadows of a city street. They then bundled him out of his car spreadeagled him after receiving a report of a figure crounching with a pistol in his hand.

A back-up squad of 12 officers waited near by during the operation only to discover-that the man was a Methodist waiting for his wife. The "weapon" which a taxi driver thought the man had been pointing at a hotel was a plastic windscreen scraper.

But yesterday the Rev. Duncan Brereton was laughing about the incident which happened outside the Viking Hotel in North Street, York.

"They put my hand on the side of the car, then frisked me to see if I had a gun", Mr Brereton, of Bootham, York,

"I can understand their reaction and the police were most polite and courteons. They had to do what they did in the circumstances."

A police spokesman said yesterday he hoped the incident would not stop people from informing the police if they saw anything suspicious.

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Frozen oysters for 30p By Craig Seton

Connoisseurs of the oyster are in for a surpirse - the exclusive shellfish will soon be on sale in sepermarkets. Delectable bivalves will be

coated in garlic butter, cheese sauce or breadcrumbs before being blast frozen. Leading restaurants, where

oysters sell for more than £5 for six, face the prospect of oysters and chips being a cheap For Cuan Sea Fisheries, of Strangford Lough, co Down, Northern Ireland, the largest

Inem at 30p each.

The company's managing director. Mr Jasper Parsons, with the blessing of the Shellfish Association, is trying to break the snobbish myth about oysters and to make them available to a much wider public through restaurants that cannot afford time or expense of opening oysters and super-

"There is nothing worse than freezing oysters. I have tried them in Australia and they are

but they are fresh, live and opened in the restaurant."

BL restarts discount war with Maestro deal

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent BL is trying to boost Sales of will run from January 3 to April the Maestro by offering substantial incentive payments to Maestro, the Mini, Metro, dealers for the first time since Ambassador and Acclaim the car was launched 10 months models. Factory payments to ago. Dealers will receive up to dealers start when they reach 50 for each Maestro sold per cent of their sales target for above the factory's target. the quarter and increase in graded amounts according to

The move signals the renewal graded and in the new year of the discount the model. For instance the Mini starts war, which has been such a feature of the British car market at £50 and the Maestro at £100. rising to £100 and £250 by 75 in the past two years.
It will also be seen in the per cent of target and £100 and £500 for exceeding £100 per industry as a direct challenge to

Ford of Britain's chairman, Mr cent of target.
Sam Toy. He stopped dealer The Maestro MG and Van-Sam Toy. He stopped dealer incentives nearly four months ago and called for a truce den Plas models are excluded from incentives throughout the industry. Al-though it was ignored by his The latest Austin Rover campaign is designed to help the company to hold its 18 per cent market share until the competitors he has refrained from reintroducing incentives.

However he has made it clear that he will "do everything necessary" to defend Ford's

Montego arrives in April. The new car will be a direct

competitor for Ford's Sierra and leadership and its 30 per cent Vauxhalf's Cavalier, it is exnarket share. pected to win significant fleet The Austin Rover campaign sales from both.

Disabled trickster jailed for insurance swindle A man born without most of Acton Crown Court in west

his fingers and a couple of toes, London.
who claimed thousands of When the Cornhill refused to pounds under insurance com- pay him £25,000, he companies travel policies after plained to the Lord Chancellor. telling stories of gruesome George Frederick Benjamin accidents, was jailed for two was caught when police arrested years today.

searched his £90,000 home. -Sun Alliance paid him Benjamin, aged 50. of £56,500 and General Accident Stevens Lane Claygate, Surrey. £3.200 when he told them he was found guilty of two charges lost his fingers, part of a foot of obtaining cash by deception and the sight of an eye in and one of attempting to obtain separate accidents, Mr Michael cash by deception from Hyam, for the prosecution, told insurance companies.

Britain to pick parapsychology professor in the new year

By David Nichelson-Lord

other research, were insistent.
At Cambridge, where

research team under Dr Carl Sargent was working until

recently on telepathy experi-

ments, discussions were held with university officials but the

main result was the suggestion of a fellowship, possibly at Corpus Christi College. That

did not satisfy the executors.

Dr Beloff said: "We never

really expected that it would be

an easy task to find a chair. We

were surprised that discussions with Oxford and Cambridge got

as far as they did. Koestler understood this perfectly well. "It is simply that science has

to be very cautious about recognizing the phenomena that provide the basis of parasycho-

The fate of the Koestler

logists eager to reestablish the lead Britain took in research

into the suprnatural with the

Koestler, who wrote exten-

Preston magistrates were told

that Leslie Soulsby, aged 39,

was "racked with sorrow, remorse and self-detestation".

Soulsby, who has two children,

is receiving psychiatric treat-

Magistrates were told that

Sousiby had planned to kill himself after be thought two

boys had seen his offence

Instead, he confessed to the police that he had committed

indecent assaults over four

years at Savick Junior School,

against a girl aged 10.

Preston, Lancashire.

Netherlands.

Britain may soon have its the chair but rejected the first professor of parapsychology disignation of parapsychology, a gy, probably the world's second, point on which Koestler and his A university chair for the study executors, who feared the of paranormal phenomena, money might be diverted to from poltergeists and spoon bending to extra-sensory per-ception, is likely to be an-nounced early in the new year.

The chair will carry with it anendowment of more than £500,000 from the estate of the writer, Arthur Koestler, together with cash from other sources which could bring the amount to £1m. One university has declared itself a candidate to the executors and two others are to put the proposal to their

Dr John Beloff, one Koestler's executors and a former president of the Society for Psychical Research, yesterday described the prospects of a chair being set up as "very high". He declined to name the universities, but the list is thought to include Edinburgh, University of Wales and the City University in London.

The executors have to decide by February as Koestler, who died in March, set a time limit of a year from his death to find a home for the professorship.

If, as now seems likely, the executors are able to choose from several contenders, it will represent a significant defeat for academic conservatism. Even Oxford and Cambridge, initially regarded as infertile ground for such an experiment, have expressed far more interest than some critics predicted.

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for hosiery

workers

Fifty thousand members of the National Union of Hosiery

and Knitwear Workers yesterday accepted a 41/2 per cent pay

rise from January 2, a shorter working week, and one day's extra holiday.

The settlement covers work-

ers in Leicestershire, Derby-

shire, Nottinghamshire. A furthr 6,000 in Lancashire and

the North-east of England are

An extra day's holiday means

workers are now entitled to 29% days' paid annual leave, but the

reduction in the working week from 40 to 39 hours will not

also affected.

Oxford was willing to accept comprehension."

Another bomb-hoax caller is jailed

Gary Alan Coomber, aged 26, was jailed for three months by Harrow magistrates in London yesterday for making a bomb hoax call after the Harrods blast last Saturday. He is the second hoax caller to be jailed by the COURT.

Coomber, aged 26, a London Transport cleaner, of Binyon Crescent, Stanmore, admitted the offence and said he did not think anyone would take his call

Det Sgt Roger Hall said that after the Harrods bombing, Coomber, using an Irish accent rang the emergency services, saying there was a bomb in a Debenhams store. Security forces were diverted from the Harrods incident. The police were on Coomber's doorstep within half an hour. At Marylebone Magistrates

Court, two men accused of making bomb hosx calls were remanded in custody for a week yesterday. Guy Gibson, aged 27, who

had spent a week in custody for pretrial psychiatric reports, was charged with making a call to the Royal Navy Dockyards a Portsmouth, the day before the Harrod's explosion, claiming bequest is being watched with there was a bomb at an concern by British parapsycho-

Gibson, who is accused of making the hozz call from his home at the Lindsay House foundation 101 years ago of the Society for Psychical Research. The only comparable chair is thought to be at Utrecht, in The bail. Hotel, Sussex Gardens, Pad-dington, told the magistrates that he was not applying for

At Mariborough Street Court pretrial psychiatric reports were also ordered in the case of sively about the paranormal, also ordered in the case of committed suicide with his wife. Amira Singh, aged 21, a sales in London. They left behind assistant of Rutherford Tower, them a note expressing "timid Lovell Road, Southall, charged hopes for a depersonalized with telephoning the Cumber-after-life beyond due confines of land Hotel, Marble Arch. space, time and matter, and claiming there was a bomb at beyond the limits of our the Marks and Spencer store in Oxford Street on December 22.

Soulsby, of Sumpter Croft,

Penwortham, Preston, who

admitted an indecent assault on

November 10, asked for eight

Mr Bill Fetherstone, for the

defence, said that Soulsby, a

teacher since 1974, had been

thought of very highly by colleagues. The first reaction to

the case was revulsion, but the

defendant did not advovate that

sex involving children should

Sousiby, who gave notice of

manded in custody pending

appeal against sentence, was

become universally accepted.

other offences to be considered.

Teacher jailed for

school sex assaults

A deputy headmaster was said that she had been assaulted

sentenced to six months' several times, but had been too

imprisonment yesterday after upset and frightened to com-admitting indecently assaulting plain, Mrs Dana Gledhill, for the prosecution, said.

Severing ties with St Bride's will be press alongside St Bride's churchyard

to start the church's long association with publishing and journalism.

Since Mr Morgan became rector in 1962, he has been a friend and counsellor to hundreds in the communications industry and has served as honorary chaplain to many Fleet Street institutions, including the Press Club, the Institute of Journalists, the Printers' Pensions Corporation and the Publicity Club of London.

When he retires, Mr Morgan intends to return to the activity that drew him away from his parish in a Welsh mining village and opened up the world to him during his 12 years as press officer for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He was responsible for the society's publish-ing activities all over the world before he came to St Bride's.

Although he will no longer reside beneath Christopher Wren's tallest steeple, Mr Morgan will continue to printing industry and the church.

revolution in bringing the whole world together. The church's role is what it always has been and is even more so, to say that there's one God and Father

Lung-heart

team ready

to operate

By David Cross

found for Britain's second

heart-lung transplant patient:
A spokesman at the hospital said yesterday that the team of

Move to cut waiting lists on NHS by two years By Tim Jones A two-year campaign to find a hospital place for an elderly

woman in urgent need of a hip replacement operation has led to scheme that could cut health service waiting lists by up to two years. Community health councils in Wales are to computerize waiting list information so doctors and patients can find out where waiting lists are shortest and apply for operations in other parts of the

At present this information is available only locally and usually within specific health authority areas.

The project, to be run by the Association of Welsh Com-munity Health Councils, has been set up by Mr. Emrys Roberts, Secretary of the South Gwent Community Health Council. He said: When I heard this lady complain about a two-year wait for her operation I knew there were other areas where the waiting lists were shorter.

"I spent two months writing to other health councils and found one with a new consultant and she was seen within two

Each community health council would approach its health authority to try to obtain waiting list information. "Insome cases the GPs have no idea of the availability of the consultants in neighbouring areas. There could be a threeyear waiting list for one area when a few miles away people could be seen much sooner."

Mr Gordon Harrhy, adminis-trator for South Glamorgan Area Health Authority, said be would consider any scheme which reduced waiting lists. "If ve were to adopt this type of scheme we wouldn have to be paid directly otherwise the authority carrying out the extra work would be worse aff and we are living from day to day financially."



Nanny's mother

The mother of Carole Compton, the Aberdeen namy who was held in an Italian jail for months on fire-raising yesterday – just one week after her daughter was freed by a court in Livorno.

fined for fraud

Pamela Mrs (above) was fined £75 at Aberdeen Sherriff Court after she admitted claiming £158 unemployment benefit while working.

Mrs Compton, aged 40, of Glenbervie Road, Aberdeen, who appeared under her maiden name, White, said that the fine was too high because she was a first offender. She was ordered to pay it at

of a significant fall in feed grain prices, the outlook for 1984 is

However, a faint ray of light comes from Japan, which is among the world's largest consumers of pork. At present 200,000 tonnes a year. Because against swine vesicular disease, of high feed prices, they are not instead of slaughtering infected thought likely to increase their animals, but officials bope that

A recent trade mission to

Britain's pig farmers and, short British, and was followed by a visit by Japanese representa-tives to farms and abattoirs in

At present most Japanese imports are from the United States, Taiwan and Denmark. Britain has been excluded the Japanese import about because it allows vaccination

Prebendary Dewi Morgan in his St Bride's study. (Photograph John Voos).

Fleet Street's counsellor says farewell

By Diane Guckert

When Prebendary Dewi Morgan retires as Rector of St Bride's in Fleet Street he will leave the door open behind him. "I think what I really wanted to do is say, 'Listen, St Bride's really is open every day of the year', he says of his 21-year ministry.

Sitting in his study, next to the crypts where the ruins of seven previous churches testify to St Bride's ancient history and its 55-year relationship with the printing industry, the white-bearded rector peppers his speech with his favourite anecdotes about the journalists and printers who have been drawn to St Bride's.

difficult for a man whose life has become entwined with the church and its ministry in Fleet Street. In 1500 Wynkin de Worde moved Caxton's

"I never say no to anyone", he says of the journalists who come to him under the pretence of an interview when they really want to talk about themselves.

"Writing has always been sheer

relaxation for me", he says of his 13 books and hundreds of articles for nearly every English-speaking country. He has also produced several documentary films and appeared on television and radio programmes. For his retirement he has three books

nurture the relationship between the "Communication has precipitated a

Rail terminus to be restored

Railway Station which closed 40 years ago is being restored by a partnership of five agencies which hopes it can be a prototype for similar projects.

The building of which the original booking hall and

waiting rooms remain, represents the problems facing British Rail with its listed buildings, the prohibitive costs of restoration and the difficulties of inher-city areas. The station was built in 1857

Nottingham's Low Level busy terminus until it was effectively by-passed by the Great Central Line into Victoria Station in 1900: The building was demoted to a suburban terminal until it closed in 1944. British Rail, Nottingham City Council, the county council the

Department of Employment and the Manpower Services Commission have combined in the restoration. Mr Kenneth Dixon, British

Rail's community projects adviser, said: "It is a classic as the headquarters of the Great community partnership and feel we are helping to pres
Northern Railway and was a one of the most comprehensive piece of the city's history."

Shelter, the national cam-

paign organization for the

homeless, has urged a review of

the Government's strategy for

repairing and improving homes.
Its call comes after a govern-

ment report which shows,

Shelter says, that present poli-

ries are not halting the deterio-

English House Condition Sur-

vey, published this week, said

that many of those living in the worst housing are elderly, unemployed or have low in-

comes. Often they cannot afford

to make repairs even with

It said that between 1976 and 1981 only 10 per cent of those

eligible took up a grant, with the

take-up particularly low in rural

holds living in unsatisfactory housing had never heard of grants, and fewer than half of those considered applying for

The report said many people in substandard housing were

often unaware of defects or

motivated to tackle them, most Hampshire.

One quarter of house-

ration of the country's stock. The report, Part II of the community schemes we have undertaken. It is also the first time we have restored an historic listed building in a way which brings together several different organizations and such a wide range of skills."

Mr Edward Woolrich, of the agency restoring the shell of the building, said: "It provides a range of work for Nottingham's unemployed and the opportunity to learn some new conservation skills. It is good to feel we are helping to preserve a

of those living in the very worst

housing could not afford to

otherwise satisfactory homes

and less than half on maintain-

ing the housing stock or bringing it up to standard.

that some areas of bad housing

were deteriorating rapidly,

The report acknowledged

A Shelter spokesman said

without policies and more money, an "an increasing number of people will find

themselves living in homes that

are falling into disrepair. Many

will be elderly and owner-occu-

the Government to reconsider

its decision to reduce the

number of improvement grants

and urged it to increase the money available to councils to

Cyanide alert

Thirty people were taken to

tackle housing repairs.

underestimated the amount of hospital yesterday after cyanide

repair work. Where they did fumes leaked into the ITT recognize difficulties and were Cannon factory in Basingstoke,

The organization called on

finance work without grants. Much of the money spent went on items that enhanced

specialists who performed the heart-lung transplant on Mr Lars Ljungberg, a Swedish journalist earlier this month, was ready to operate at a moment's notice. Change in homes repair policy urged

seriously ill woman, have been assessed as suitable candidates for the operation. Mr Ljungberg died Tuesday.

Car crushed

A motorist escaped unhurt yesterday when his car was crushed by a train on a level crossing at Cookham, Ber-kshire. A police car responding to the accident and a van collided but both drivers were

Ray of hope for pig trade

By John Young, Agricultural Correspondent It has been a bad year for meat processors in buying

not much better.

thought likely to increase their domestic pig herd in the foreseeable future.

Japan, organized by the Meat and Livestock Commission. reported keen interest among this country.

the ban will be lifted soon.
This year Britain exported only an estimated 45,000 tones of pork, so a substantial order from Japan would be a welcome boost for the industry.

Tougher screening could halt Everest climb

By Ronald Fanx

Mountaineers from Cumbria who plan to attempt the West Ridge of Everest next spring, fear they could be the first victims of a more stringent screening policy by the Mount Everest Foundation. The foundation awards

grants to expeditions and its approval is an important bona fide helping mountaineers and explorers to secure other spon-sorship from grant-aiding bodies and industry.

The eight-man Cumbrian expedition has applied for the foundation's approval, but so far has had no response after members were interviewed by the screening committee. It is understood that approval may lack in one way or another. not be given because only one of the team has climbed to more than 23,000ft before, or has experience of ultra-altitude mountaineering.

The foundation's tougher policy comes after research by Ward, doctor on the 1953 Everest expedition and a using unpublished material to member of the screening reach his conclusions, and he committee, which shows that questioned whether a meaningworld's highest mountains with- be made. out the use of supplementary oxygen could involve unacceptably high risks.

into account climbers' past experience and evidence of how they are likely to perform at altitude. Information and the state of the sta The committee now takes altitude. Information studied by into the equation and it seems the foundation includes an analysis by Mr Ward of 64 deaths on the world's 10 highest peaks up their first ascent.

This calculated that 22 deaths were related directly to oxygen selves."

The new guidelines are questioned and criticized by many in the mountaineering

Dr John Delamere, doctor to the Cumbrian expedition, complained that Mr Ward was

the trend towards lightweight, ful index of a climber's susceptialpine-style expeditions to the bility to altitude sickness could

"For example, there is no clear-cut investigation that can be made at sea level into how a

that the foundation has changed from a body that funds expeditions and adventurous pursuits into a protector of individuals against them-

Other Himalayan climbers questioned the idea that climb-ing above 26,000ft without supplementary oxygen was the exclusive realm of supermen or those who had passed a foundation lung-capacity test. One pointed out that 19

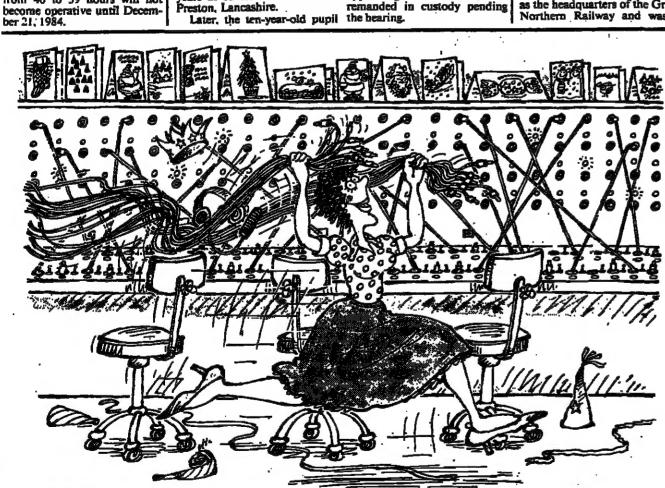
climbers had now reached the summit of Everest without oxygen, 11 of them on a German expedition last year. Other peaks almost equalling Everest in height had been climbed several times by small expeditions.

Some climbers had lost their lives but it was felt by many that the decision to make the attempt should be left to the judgment of individual moun-

Sir Jack Longland, former president of the Alpine Club, and an Old Everest hand, thought it was highly improbable that fatal accidents to British Everest climbers would show a single case of death caused only by pushing an assault without oxygen beyond any given height.

Human performance under stress depended on too many variables to be subsumed into one single test.

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When you're giving glad tidings, spare a thought for the operator.

Although most of our operators will be spending Christmas with their families this year, some operators will be working over the period, providing a limited service. Naturally, all emergency calls will be handled, as will some calls which cannot normally be dialled direct.

INLAND

Operator Service Restrictions. Restrictions apply to inland operator calls in England, Northern Ireland and Wales on Christmas Day - (midnight Christmas Eve to midnight Christmas Day) and inland operator calls in Scotland on New Year's Day - (midnight New Year's Eve to midnight New Year's Day).

Extended Cheap Rate Periods. Inland Cheap Rate will apply from 6 pm on 23rd December until 8 am on 3rd January

in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In Scotland, Cheap Rate will apply from 6 pm on 23rd December until 8 am on 4th January.

INTERNATIONAL

Operator Service Restrictions. Only pre-booked operator calls will be handled between Il pm, Christmas Eve and 9 sm, 26th December. There will be no directory enquiry service or special facility calls. (International calls can be pre-booked at any time between 8 am, 12th December up to 6 pm, Christmas Eve, by calling the international operator). Extended Cheap Rate Periods. Most calls can be dialled

direct and the IDD Chesp Rate will be extended to cover

the entire holiday season, starting at 6 pm on Friday 23rd

December and running right through till after New Year. In England, Wales and Northern Ireland it will end at 8 am on Tuesday 3rd January; in Scotland, at 8 am on Wednesday 4th January

In addition, over these periods, a special reduced rate will apply to IDD calls to Australasia and the Far East (Charge Band 5B) made between midnight and 7 am, and

between 3 pm and 8 pm. This reduced rate will be the same as Charge Band 5A Cheap Rate. At other times calls to Charge Band 5B will be at Stundard Rate.

TELEGRAM AND TELEMESSAGE RESTRICTIONS Acceptance of Telemessages will be suspended from 7 om on Christmas Eve until 9 am on 26th December. Telemessages for delivery before Christmas Day should be requested by 12 noon on 20th December, and

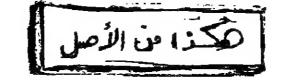
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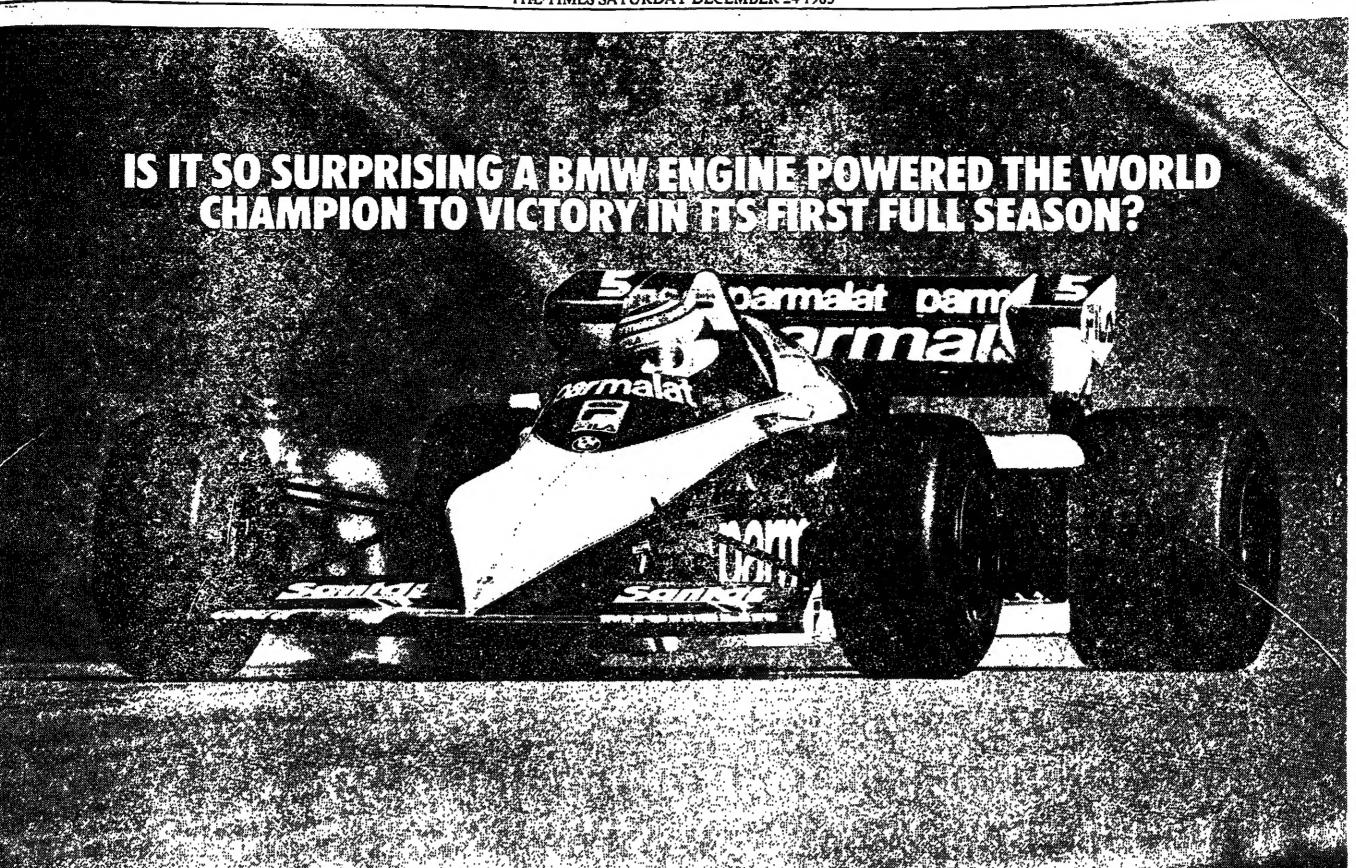
before New Year's Day by 12 noon on 28th December.

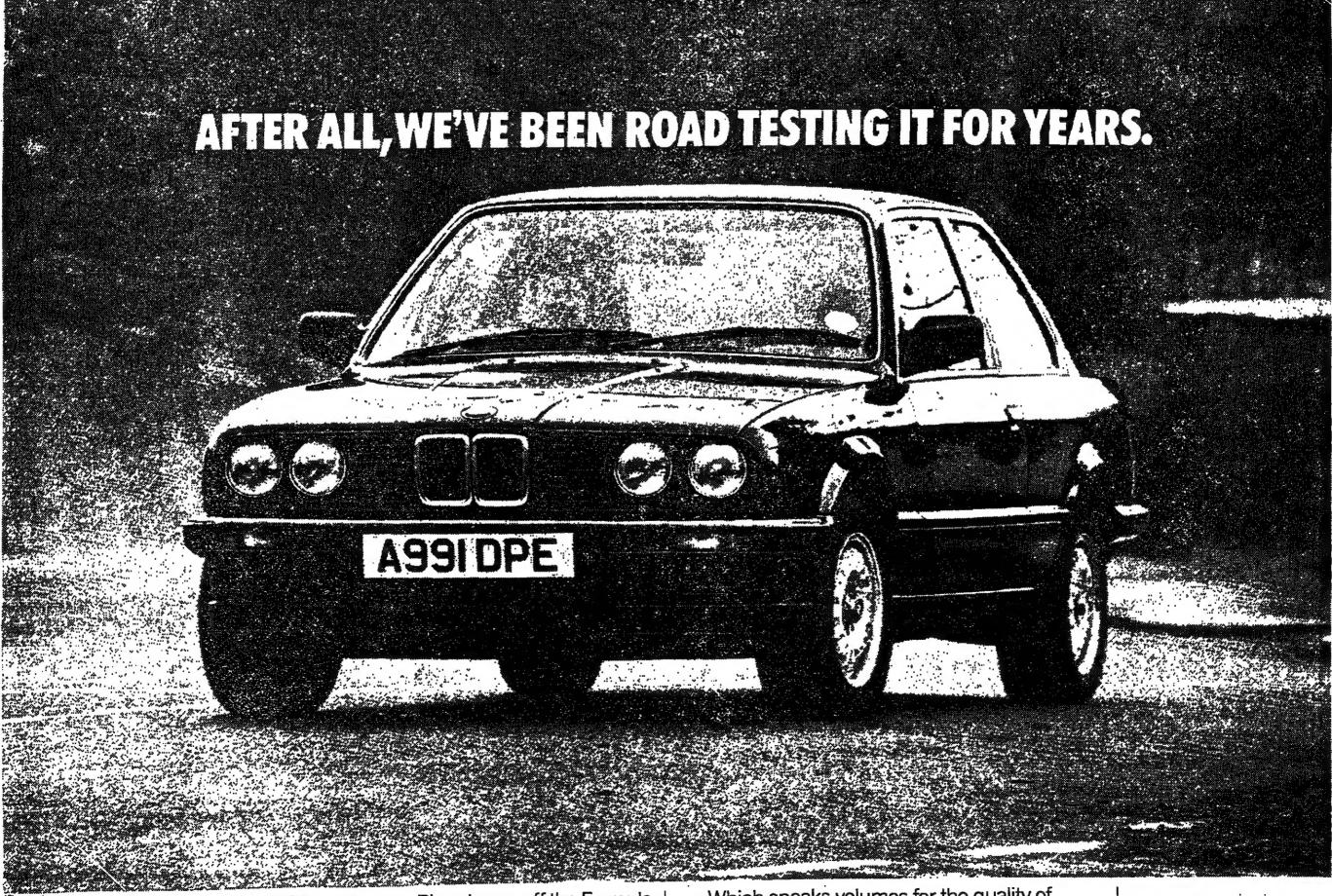
Acceptance of International Telegrams will be

We will provide an emergency service for International Telegrams during this period and attempt to deliver, wherever possible, exceptionally urgent messages received TELECOM from overseas.

المحدداس الرصل







1983 saw Nelson Piquet carry off the Formula One Drivers' World Championship in his Parmalat Brabham BMW.

It also saw the first occasion on which a World Champion's engine started life under the bonnet of a four cylinder road car.

Which speaks volumes for the quality of engineering BMW pour into their ordinary road cars. If indeed a BMW can ever be called an ordinary car.

THE INTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

South African immigrants who dodge call-up may be forced to serve in Army

Thousands of foreign emigrants to South Africa, includ- can male citizens, in contrast, ing many Britons, face the are obliged by law to do two possibility of compulsory ser- years' national service, and then vice in the South African armed a further 720 days of camp duty

next session, which starts at the "community service" outside end of January. It is a response the army in jobs chosen by the to growing bitterness among authorities, white South Africans at the Not surp white South Africans at the Not surprisingly, the privi-(legal) evasion of call-up by ledged position of immigrants blacks into skilled position many foreign settlers.

without being obliged to take out South African citizenship, which would make them habe for military duties. Large numbers of immigrants avail grants are accused of flaunting themselves of this loophole.

Ciskei court

refuses to

free priest

From Our Own Correspondent

An urgent application to

release, or produce before a

court, a detained Roman Catholic priest, Father Smange-liso Mkhatshwa, was yesterday

refused by the surpreme Court

of Ciskei, one of South Africa's

Father Mkhatshwa was de-

tained by Ciskei security police at the end of October after he

attended what the authorities

considered to be a politically-

motivated church service at the

University of Fort Hare, South

Africa's most famous black

Archbishop Dennis Hurley,

the president of the southern

African Catholic Bishop's Con-

ference (sacbc), sought a court

order two weeks ago requiring Father Mkhatshwa to be freed

or brought before a court,

retary-General of the SABC and

one of the bonorary patrons of

this year to oppose apartheid

constitution which gives limited

Coloureds and Asians, but none

enemies:

Mkhatshwa and Monsignor

Hurley are long-time critics of

apartheid, particularly the

Government policy that blacks

are citizens only of tribal homelands, not of white South

Africa (AP reports).

parliamentary

to blacks.

Old

the Government's new

Father Mkhatshwa is Sec-

nominally-independent

four nominall tribal homelands.

draft form on Thursday night legislation passed last year, the concern that the new law might by General Magnus Malan. The Minister of Defence, and Mr F was raised from two to six years in jail. The scope for conscientious grants from coming. The draft Bill, published in objection is very limited. the Government Gazette, and is Religious pacifists who can now open for discussion and convince a specially appointed comment, it will presumably be board of their sincerity are placed before the House of offered the unappealing alterna-Asssembly in Cape Town at its tive of six unbroken years of

has caused widespread resent-Under the existing law ment. There are complaints that foreigners can obtain permather they have a head-start in their nent residence rights here, careers over South African which include a work permit, citizens, and that many em-

their favoured status. The 1980 population census Under the proposed new Bill lists just under 200,000 whites all immigrants between the ages more than 4 per cent of the total of 15 and 25 would have five white population - as being of years in which to decide British nationality. Some of whether to apply for citizenship. these may have taken out South If, at the end of that period, they whether to apply for citizenship. African citizenship as well, but decide not to become South it is thought that the vast African citizens, they will lose majority of British settlers do their permanent residence rights

All young white South Afri-It is not entirely clear what the position of immigrants over the age of 25 would be, and this is no doubt one of the aspects that will be clarified during debate on the Bill. Opposition forces under a proposed new in instalments spread over a debate on the Bill. Opposition bill on citizenship unveiled in period of up to 12 years. In MPs have already expressed cause immigrants with vital skills to leave the country and frighten off potential immi-

> One of the reasons for the generous treatment of immigrants hitherto is that the pool of skilled manpower in a white population which is growing much more slowly than nonwhite groups is no longer of South Africa's expanding economy. This is bringing where they wield much greater trade union bargaining power.

> White immigration has been rising in recent years, amounting to 45,784 in 1982, compared with 41,542 in 1981 and 29,365 in 1980. Figures for December, 1982, suggest that just under a fifth of all immigrants currently come from Britain.

At present, conscription is limited to whites, with much smaller numbers of blacks, coloureds and Asians serving on a voluntary basis. The Govern-ment has indicated, however, that compulsory military ser-vice will gradually be extended to Coloureds and Asians when

Pretoria admits to Angola incursion

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

campaign" against guerrillas of for the independence of Nami-the South West Africa People's bia for the past 17 years. Organisation (SWAPO) in Angola radio claimed on Southern Angola.

The admission, made yesterday by General Constand attack against Angolan forces Viljoen, the Chief of the South African Defence Force came about 80 miles inside Angola as after a week of claims from Angola that its troops were involved in fierce battles with SADF units, and that the South Africans were bombarding towns and villages in the southern part of the country.

Earlier South African defence spokesmen had refused com-ment on specific Angolan allegations, and said that South Africa was "only" engaged in "hot-pursuit operations against SWAPO terrorists" whom it would continue to seek out and destroy "wherever they are". General Viljoen's statement,

while still vague, suggests that something rather more substanthe United Democratic Front, I tial than a routine "hot pursuit" an all-race body formed earlier | operation may be under way. The communique said that

"elements of the security forces are involved in a limited campaign against Swapo terrorists in Southern Angola and are conducting a follow-up operation" to ward off an expected attempt by Swapo units to infiltrate Namibia during the rainy season.

The General's statement does not admit to any clashes with Angolan forces, and the South Africans claim that their only

South Africa has admitted targets are Swapo bases. Swapo that its armed forces are has been fighting a sporadic engaged in "a limited bush war against South Africa

Angola radio claimed on Thursday that the South Afri-cans had launched a ground the crow flies, and also re-inforced their positions at Quiteve, 50 miles to the north east, and Otchinjau, 35 miles to the south west. Cahama is said to be the

most southerly town held by Angolan and Cuban forces, of which there are an estimated 25,000 in Angola, as well as the most southerly location of Sam8 anti-aircraft missiles recently acquired from the Soviet

started to emerge after Angola had rejected an offer by South Africa to begin disengaging its forces from southern Angola from January 31 of next year to restrain Swapo and Cuban forces from exploiting "the resultant situation".

● LISBON: Angolan rebels said yesterday they would hand over all their foreign captives except Czechoslovaks to the International Red Cross as a goodwill gesture for Christmas (Reuter reports). A spokesman for the rebel

Unita said five Britons and 12 Portuguese captured.

Shortage of toys mars Sandinista **Christmas**

The US and Israel appear set

claimed.

There were also hints in

Jerusalem that the Israeli

its rejection of the Reagan peace

plan. "For us this is something that affects our very existence".

he stated. "It is a matter of life

and death and we will not back

The official claimed that the

recent marked improvement in

Israeli-US relations would sur-

vive the fundamental difference

approach to the Mubarak-

Colombia's two main guer-

rilla forces have called on

President Belisario Betancur

Cuartas to order a ceasefire in

a gesture fowards ending the

on a new collision course ovr their differing assessment of the

reconcilaition between Presi-

dent Mubarak of Egypt and Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader. Yesterday, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister,

expressed his astonishment at

America's positive reaction to the Cairo meeting, which he

described as a bad omen for the

future because it harmed the peace process in the Middle East.

Mr Shamir told a visiting US

senator that the Reagan Ad-

ministration had incorrectly

assessed what lay behind the Cairo talks. He claimed that

after Mr Arafat's expulsion

from Tripoli, there had been a good chance that "moderate forces in the Arab world" would

join the peace process. "But now, as a result of the meeting

Children's toys for Christ-

mas have joined the long list of goods in short supply in socialist Nicaragua.

While the Sandanista Government blames the fact

that it is the victim of a US economic and military siege for much of the problem, it has by state officials and an inability to control the black market have made matters

President Reagan's trade sanctions have forced the Sandanistas to buy where they can. Electrical goods find their Panama for those who can afford them, out toothpaste is scarce because there is no supply of tubes to put it in.

Most foodstuffs are rationed

but while meat is usually available, cooking oil and other hasics are not. There is rarely oasics are not. There is rarely any bread because Washington will not sell Nicaragna its wheat and there is little sugar left for domestic consumption because home-grown cane must go abroad to bring in precious foreign exchange. When the Interior Minister,

Sener Borge took a visiting American senator to dine on beans and rice, the staple diet of central America, at a typical neighbourhood eating place in the capital, they are only rice

day. The Christmas toy crisis provides a neat illustration of the kind of problems facing the country.

Lack of foreign exchange

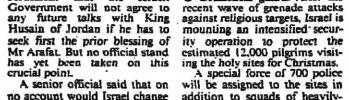
forced the Sandinistas to limit toy imports to \$400,000 (£280,000) this year compared to ever a million dollars last Christmas.
Shortages of paint and machine tool parts have also prevented the People's Forestry

Corporation from achieving i target of fulfilling 25 per cent of traditional imports with toys made from scraps of wood. Forty tops of toys donated by East European countries have just been delivered for distri-bution to children in the

northern border provinces affected by the CIA-financed guerrilla war, but a boatload of \$60,000 worth of dolls from Cuba is overdue. On top of all this, the commerce vice-minister in charge of distribution, Schor Bernardino Turcios, admitted

that many government officials had abused their positions to buy toys from official warehouses while other people stood in line from early morning with an allotted queue number In the afternoon the Sandinista army turned up for preferential treatment and the

shelves were emptied with the queue still waiting outside. A limit of three toys per shopper was imposed at Mana-



opinion recently exchanged in

Washington, over the whole Reagan plan, he explained.

Flying visit: Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, reviewing British troops serving with the peace-keeping force in

Lebanon during a surprise visit yesterday to Beirut lasting a few hours.

US and Israel clash over Arafat

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

reaction to it, these moderate extension of differences of

addition to squads of heavilyarmed soldiers and Border Policemen. All roads leading to Bethlehem in the occupied West

issued with special permits allowed access. Pilgrims attend-ing the televized Christmas Eve celebrations have been warned to carry passports or identity cards on the special buses which now, as a result of the meeting Arafat meeting. "Our disagree-in Cairo and the American ments over that are only an will ferry them from East

The spate of pre-Christmas bombing at targets which have included two Greek Orthodox institutions and a Franciscan Bethlehem guard: After the monastery, has been claimed by a right wing Jewish terrorits group called "Terror against Terror". The motive for the ity operation to protect the attacks was seen in part as revenge for the Jerusalem bus bomb earlier this month in which six passengers were killed.

> Israelis sources claim that the number of Christian tourists compared to last year, when the total was badly hit as the result of the Lebanon war. But result of the present grave situation throughout the Middle

Despite the tension, official

Bank will be blocked from 7.00 arriving through Tel Aviv am this morning with only cars airport has nearly doubled Jerusalem hoteliers speak of many recent cancellations as a

New broom sweeps out Watt's man

replaced three top officials who served under his controversial predecessor, Mr James Watt. Mr Clark, who took over a

month ago, said he was reorganizing his department's land, water and energy agencies. He is replacing the deputy and the two men closely tied to Mr Watt's criticized programmes.

But spokesmen for environ- Fatal error mental groups are not satisfied. One claimed that the changes did not go far enough and that the Interior Department was full of with Watt proteges. Mr Clark replaced Mr J J

Simmons, the department deputy and one of the Adminstration's highest-ranking blacks with Mrs Ann McLaughlin, the Assistant Treasury Secretary, Mr William Pendiey, and his assistant, Mr Dave Russell, key architects of Mr Watt's programmes for accelerating development of offshore oil and gas reserves and coal. They are replaced by Mr Robert Broadbent and Mr William Betten-

Mr William Clark, the new

Ouake kills 200 Dakar (AFP) - More than

200 people were killed and about 300 were injured in an earthquake on Thursday in the West African state of Guinea, according to Radio Conakry, monitored in Senegal;

Bonn buys

freedom

for 1,034

prisoners

Bonn (AFP) - West Germany has bought the release of 1.034

political prisoners from East German jails this year, the International Society for the Defence of Human Rights said

According to the society,

West, Germany has paid out more than £250m in the past 20

vears to obtain the release of

20,036 prisoners. Several of the

released had been serving long sentences either for refusing to cooperate with the intelligence

services or for supporting the outlawed Polish union, Solida-

Sweden expels

Soviet envoys

Sweden yesterday expelled two Soviet diplomats and a private Soviet citizen, all suspected on industrial espion-

age. None of the trio was named

by police and the Foreign

Ministry released few details on

This is understood to be because Mr Olof Paime's Socialist Government is ex-

dize chances of a meeting

between the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, and the US Secretary of State Mr George Shuitz, at next month's Stockholm peace con-

Man accused

of gems trick

Sydney (Reuter) - A 49-year

old unemployed man, alleged to be behind Australia's most

costly confidence trick has been

charged with the theft of gold

Robert McArthur faces furth-

er charges involving the theft of

diamonds valued at £1.58m.
Police said he advertised for
contributions to a gold and
gems exhibition and the disap-

peared with the valuables.

Laser system

seized in US

Denver (Reuter) - Customs officers seized a laser system bound for the Soviet union and

filled the four crates, bousing

the equipment, with concrete before sending them on to

38, a British citizen with permanent US resident status,

and Bruce Adamski, aged 30, were arrested on charges of

violating arms export controls

the affair (Christopher Mosey

writes).

Bulawayo (AP) - Peter Sibanda, aged 27, was electro-cuted here last month when he ignored his wife's advice and tried to charge his car battery from an overhead power cable, a Bulawayo inquest was told.

Bodies returned

Bangkok (AFP) - Laos has returned the bodies of an unspecified number of American soldiers reported missing in action and whose bodies were found at the site of an 11-yearold plane crash.

Brazil lynching

São Paulo (AP) - Three bandits, one of them a 13-yearold boy, who had terrorized people in a São Paulo suburb. were beaten and stabbed to

Freedom swim

death by an angry mob.

Berlin (AP) - Two West German border guards escaped to West Berlin yesterday by swimming across the Teltow Canal on the edge of the communist sector.

Monk jailed

Seoul (AFP) - A 34-year-old South Korean Buddhist monk has been sentenced to life imprisonment for killing 2 fellow monk in a fight over the control of a temple last August.

Aid to Africa

Britain is providing £250,000 to help drought victims in Mozambique. In Lagos, it was announced that the United States is to lend Nigeria £170m to help to combat drought. Disco toll rises

Madrid (AP) - The death toll

from last week's fire at a crowded disco here climbed to 81 yesterday after firemen recovered two more bodies from the rubble.

Milan blaze

Milan (AP) - A fire in a rowded restaurant here killed five customers and injured at least six. The blaze was caused by a gas container exploding.

Correction

The Spanish Embassy says that Juan Domingo Martinez, whose extradition to Spain has been refused by the French Government, was condemned in July, 1983, in hi-absence, 10 10 years imprisonment. not to death, as stated in a report on December 15.

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Today's taste of Utopia

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December 21st

experts in the Maharishi
Technology of the Unified Field at
Maharishi
International Technology of the Unified Field at Maharishi International University Fairfield, lowa USA is highlighted by today's world news.

National confidence high in US. "Confidence is in the air and for good reason"—
President Reagan says US economy is staging a strong recovery, and speaks optimistically regarding prospects for 1984.

Credit crash for US farmers easing.

ensing.
Financial Times Index.
London. and Nikkei Dow
Index. Tokyo both close at new record highs.

United Kingdom economy on course for 3 per cent growth

Main left wing militant group in Argentina announces it will dissolve itself, renounce violence, and pursue future as legal political party.

Government of Sudan frees town from rebel seige.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus calls for talks with Greek-ruled Cyprus to establish federation on the island. Sri Lankan President extends

These world events demonstrate the enlivenment of the following

the enlivenment of the following qualities of the unified field in consciousness: 'UNIFYING'. 'CREATIVITY'. 'PURIFICATION'. 'SUPPORT Modern Science,

Vedic Science Leading physicist Dr John Hagelin, Chairman of the Department of Physics at Maharishi International Maharishi International University, has located these qualities in the Lagrangian of the N=8 supergravity theory of quantum physics. Dr Hagelin sees the upsure of these qualities movid consciousness to be the result of the entirement of the unified field in world consciousness.

Ancient Vedic Science sees the upsurge of the unifying value as the quality of YOGA rising in world consciousness and locates infinite creativity in self-referral performance - Through self-referral performance - Through self-referral performance are again and infinite creativity in self-referral performance - "Through self-interaction, I create again and again' (Bhagavad Gita, IX, 8). The AYURVEDA aspect of Vedic Science sees the rise of purification as evidence of the elimination of DHOSHAS (impurities) in world consciousness. The philosophy of KARMA (action) in Vedic Science explains support of nature as resulting from life according to DHARMA (natural law).

Scientific Research Extensive scientific research on the Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programme, collected in four volumes of 2,800 pages, has documented the growth of these beautiful qualities on every level of life-

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CREATIVITY:- increased

PURLFICATION and SUPPORT OF NATURE:- decreased stress and improved resistance to

integration of personality.

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ereauvity.

• PURIFICATION:- increased SUPPORT OF NATURE:-

Sociological

UNIFYING:improved

productivity and economic prosperity.
• PURIFICATION:-sense of social responsibility.
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decreased turbulence and
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Iraq claims sinking of Iranian ship

Baghdad (Reuter) - Iraq said its Navy yesterday sank an Iranian salvage ship which had been trying to save a damaged vessel near the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini in the Gulf. A military spokesman said the Iraqi Navy sank the Iranian ship as it tried to rescue an "enemy" vessel hit by Iraqi aircraft on Thursday.

The damaged vessel was also

sunk, the spokesman said. He did not identify it, but said it was one of three "enemy naval targets" hit by Iraqi aircraft as they approached Bandar Khomeini in a convoy on Thursday. lraq has used the term "enemy naval targets" in the past and on at least two occasions foreign shipowners have confirmed that their

merchant vessels were hit. Iraq has warned all foreign vessels to stay out of what it considers an "exclusive war zone" between Iran and Iraq at the head of the Gulf. The two countries have been at war for more than three years.

Iran complained to the United Nations earlier this week that two foreign merchant ships approaching its Gulf ports had been damaged recently by Iraqi aircraft and that Iran reserved the right to retaliate against Iraqi shipping. In the past two months, Iraq has said it sank at least 16 ships

in the Gulf. • PARIS: The Government has decided to close the Iranian Islamic Centre in Paris and has asked the Tehran Government to recall three diplomats associated with it the French Foreign Ministry announced yesterday (AP re-

A communique said the

decision was taken after the

closure in Iran of the French

Institute of Tehran and the

French Research Institute in

recent months.

gua's seasonal street fair in a bid to ensure that every Nicaraguan child gets some-thing this Christmas.



The Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) and the April 19 Movement (M19) made their call in a joint communique in which they announced the strengthening of

Colombian guerrillas

demand ceasefire

links between them and expressed agreement on the riteria for peace. However, they did not announce unification of their forces, which will contine to maintain their identities.

They insisted that a ceasefire was "a necessary step for the development of conditions and dialogue for peace." This has long been the main sticking point between the guerrillas and the Government since President Betancur introduced an amnesty for subversives more than

a year ago.

The amnesty has been supported across the political spectrum, including the Comnunist Party and mainstream smaller subversive groups, have oppose more concessions.



Amnesty terms generous.

rejected the amnesty after fierce and often divisive debate, more than 1.000 guerrillas have surrendered, accepting official pardons, and returned civilian life. Even though FARC an M19

praise President Betancur's goodwill" and "political Realis". It is most unlikely that he can respond to their for a ceasefire since there is a widespread feeling that the terms of the amnesty are generous. The armed Socialist groups. Although have never been happy with the FARC and M19. like other amnesty and would fiercely





Back from the dead: Mgr Schlaefer (left) and Father Shafer. Missing bishop 'found alive'

Nicaragua's Atlantic coast.

Tegucigalpa (Reuter) - A group of Nicaraguan Miskito Indiands crossed into Honduras yesterday and said the missing American-horn Catholic Bishop, Mgr Salvador Schlaefer, was with them, a US embassy spokesman said.

The 500 Indians crossed the border at dawn. The fate of the 65-year-old bishop has been in doubt since Nicaraguan officials said he was kidnapped by right-wing rebels and killed earlier this week.

Embassy spokesmen said they had not yet identified Mgr Schlaefer, an American citizen living in Nicaragua since 1947

Nicaraguan goverment officials said on Wednesday that the bishop was kidnapped and shot dead when he resisted anti-Sandinista rebels raiding the village of Wisconsin near the Honduran border. Another American priest, Father Andre Wendolin Schafer, and two Miskito Indian deacons were also abducted, together with a

and Bishop of Bluefields on

number of villagers. Nicaraguan troops combed the area on Thursday and found the bishop's car but no sign of him. US-backed rebels in Henduras denied they had

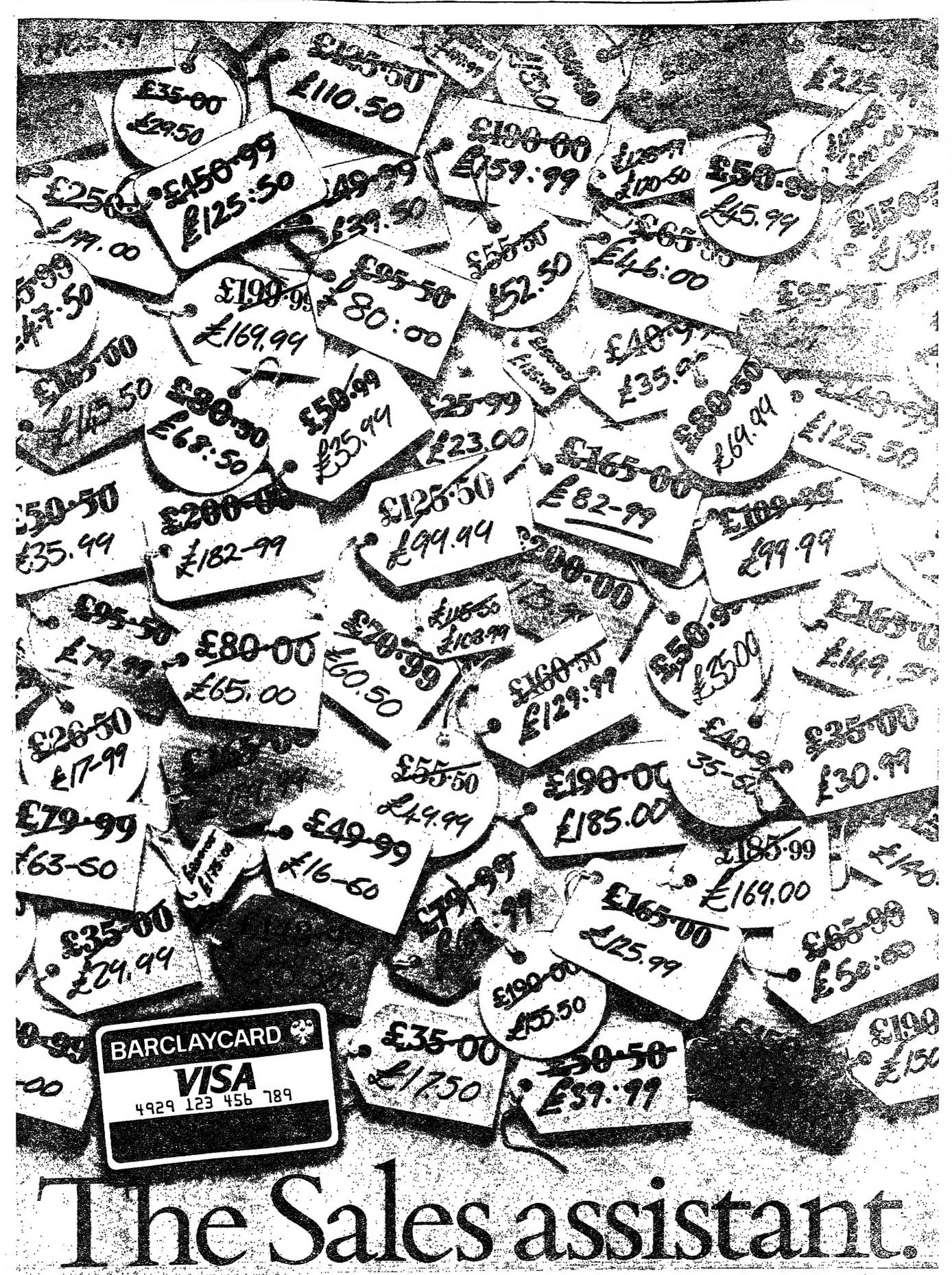
Wisconsin had been attacked but its inhabitants were being voluntarily led to sanctuary in Honduras. They said Mrg Schlaefer had decided to go along with the villagers. Rebels seeking to overthrow

Miskito Indian rebels said

Nicaragua's Covernment have been staging raids across the border for the past few months. They launched a new offensive last weekend, saying they were trying to establish a provisional government in a "liberated

Mgr Schlaefer expected to arrive in Tegucigalpa later yesterday.

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approaches its fifth year, diploand mats in Moscow say the Kremlin shows little optimism Zea about the chances of a political only settlement or an end to the thre military stalemate.

some signs shortly after taking anniversary of the December. ways out of the Afghan inpasse. mix Afghanistan has complicated and Afghan counte-revolutio-bad Soviet relations with China, the Muslim countries and the West. inte it is also unpopular at home, mea although discontent is rarely T the Soviet press has been eval unusually frank about casualties 10 F and setbacks.

In April, Senor Javier Perez the de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, took up Mr pha: Andropov's invitation to visit Moscow for talks on the Afghan crisis, and said afterwards he saw signs of flexibility, without saying what they were. Nine months on, Russia's justifi-cation for its occupation of Afghanistan remains exactly what it was a year ago, when Pravda insisted on international O recognition of the Sovier-inwan stalled Babrak Karmal regime

Woman who wanted to starve force-fed

From Trever Fishlock

The tragic story of Elizabeth Americans. She is now bein fed through a tube in hospital having lost her court battle to be allowed to starve and end what she says is a life not worth living.

A judge ordered the hospital to force-feed her after being told she had been refusing food and was in serious danger of

dying.
...Mrs Bouvia, who is 26, was born with cerebral palsy and is almost completly paralysed. She can only talk, chew, and operate the control stick of her wheelchair. She cannot feed herself, and needs assistance with all her functions.

Nevertheless, her life has been one of courageous struggle and she kas earned a degree in social work,

Three months ago, after her brief marriage ended, she went into a California hospital, and said she wanted to starte. When doctors insisted on feeding her, she went to court in Riverside near Los Angeles to seek an order preventing doctors from force feeding ber.

She told the judge she would rather die than continue a life which, "at times is humiliating and disgusting," She said she the right to d with the support of pain killing drugs and hygienic care.

Her action started a controversy. Many people say she has the right to end her life, but the hospital said in court that she was not terminally ill, and that doctors could not be accomplic

Mrs Bouvia was yesterday being fed intravenously.

Portuguese Christmas bonus cut

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

The traditional bonus Portueucse workers receive at Christmes will be reduced by 28 per cent this year. Last month the Government imposed a 2.8 per cent retroactive tax on all carnings for 1982. This tax was deducted just before Christmas in a lump sum from salaries which include the "thirteenth month bonus".

The tax has drastically reduced Christmas spending. Toyshops in central Lisbon are virtually empty compared with former years. Shopkeepers who stocked up with merchandise for Christmas are complaining they may be forced out of business. The tax is not the only woe

the Portuguese face this Christ-mas. An estimated 150,000 workers have received no wages for several months, according to estimates by the Syndicate of Unions in Lisbon.

Hardest hit are the shipbuild ing and ship repairing, textile, metalworking glassmaking fishing ceramic and chemical industries and the merchant marine. This week workers at the giant Lisnade shipyard occupied the offices of the tracted a promise they would receive part of their back wages Some local authorities have voted emergency funds to distribute food to families of

unpaid workers. Lisbon, where an estimated 30,000 workers are owed back salaries, is plastered with posters showing an unem-ployed worker and bearing the

slogan: "What a Christmas". Another poster shows a little boy saying: "My father works

but is not paid".

An all night vigil was being held by thousands of workers last night. The vigil was sponspred by the Communist-backed General Confederation Portuguese Workers

From Richard Owen, Moscow As the war in Afghanistan and said a withdrawal of Sovier powers agreed to stop the "imperialist interference" interference" which had made Soviet inter-

The latest Sovier commen-President Andropov gave taries marking the fourth 1979. invasion vehemently The Soviet occupation of attack "inperialist reactionaries nies" - Soviet jargon for the Mujahidin - for their shared "Pathological hatred for progressive change in Afghan-

vention necessary in the firt

Diplomats said Soviet relations with Pakistan had worsened over the past year rather than This week, the improved Sovier ambassador in Islama-bad accused Pakistan of arming and supporting the rebels, and warned Islamabad that Moscow

and Kabul would "retaliate".

UN sponsored talks involving Islamabad, Kabul and Señor restore diente.

Contovez the UN "Russia may have suffered "Russia may have suffered". that matched suggestions of "flexibility" in Moscow.

Any loss of momentum is withdraw".

partly attributable to President Andropov's prolonged illnes and absence from public life, which diplomats say has also affected other key policy areas. But Moscow's support for Mr Karmal, and its insistence on "imperialist" guarantees of nonintervention; make the Afghan problem as intractable politically as it is militarily.

Asian diplomats point our that, the true cost of the operation remains hidden in Moscow's defence budget, and that the Russians are prepared for a drawn out war of attrition.

Diplomats believe that since Moscow gains important strategic advantages from its presence in Afghanistan, the Kremlin has decided to settle for a prolonged and unpleasant conflict unless East-West relations improve to the point where

special envoy, have made no 5,000 casualties in four years", obvious progress, despite oc-casional hints of "movement" one diplomat remarked, "and is ritually condemned at the ITA ritually condemned at the UN every November, but that on its

Why Invincible will not be visiting Japan

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The British aircraft carrier, Invincible, will not visit Japan, it was officially confirmed

Sources, however, said that she was likely to go into dry dock in Singapore to have faults in bearings on a propellor shaft repaired. Both moves stem from the lack of enthusiasm which some countries have for receiving vessels carrying nuclear weapons.

Consultations over a visit to Japan had been going on for a long time Japan had said it was willing to receive the ship, but had emphasized its policy of not admitting nuclear weapons.

Britain has stuck to its policy of refusing to say whether its essels are carrying nuclear weapons, although it is likely

American plans to follow the

example set by Britain three years ago and establish diplo-

matic relations with the Vatican

are meeting unexpected resist-

ance from non-Roman Catholic

Protestants have got together to lobby the White House and

Congress, arguing that it would

violate the constitutional prin-

ciple of separation of church

and state, they have been jioned

by the American Jewish Con-gress which says it would be a

mistake for the Government to

relate to any particular religious body in a preferential way.

Unlike some religious dis-

putes, this one is being conduc-

tedd in a gentlemanly fashion.

Recognizing the influence of the Roman Catholic Church, which

Zimbabwe's relations with

the United States have not been adversely affected by the Reagan Administration

decision to cut its aid to the country, Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister said here

"We still regard the United

States as a friend. We are not going to quarrel with a donor or benefactor who decides to withdraw aid from us. We were

not entitled to that aid in the

first place as a matter of right,"
Mr Mugabe said.

However, Zimbabwe felt let

down because it had planned its

land resettlement programme with American aid guarantees

in mind. The aid reduction

would force the Government to

consider acquiring land for

churches in the United States.

that there are nuclear depth charges on board Invincible. The sult is that the Ministry of Defence yesterday said that a visit by Invincible o her escorts to Japan "would not be timely".

Invincible is now in Austraearlier this week was greeted by anti-nuclear demonstrations. If she goes to Singapore for repairs after Christmas, as seems likely. it will be because Australia originally refused to allow her into drydock.

Australia subsequently withdrew its objections, but by then negotiations with Singapore were advanced, and Britain declined to use Australia

An alternative to Singapore is the United States naval base at

White House in Vatican tangle

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

trying to oppose the move

simply because it is supported by most Catholics. "We are not

at war with them", and official

for the (Protestant) National

hierarchy, while privately welcoming America's belated

attempt to follow 107 other

nations which already have

diplommatic ties with the

Vatican, professes to be officially

establish relations follow a

November to repeal an 1867 law

which prohibited the use of

Federal funds to maintain

a diplomatic mission to the

Earlier this month, the White

congressional decision

Administration moves to

For its part, the Catholic

Council of Churches said.

neutral.

has more than 50 million House conceded that it was followers in the US. The moving in the direction of

Protestants insist they are not establishing formal ties, but

Christmas in Russia with Grandfather Frost and his Snow Maiden

A bottle for a yolka or a sosna

Which do you prefer, a yolka or a sosna?" is a question which throws most foreigners here at Christmas. After all, a Christmas tree is a Christmas tree except in Russia. Strictly speaking it is a new year tree that a Russian puts in his living room since Christmas is not a public holiday and in the Orthdox calendar does not occur until January. Besides, the atheist Soviet state firmly discouragees observance of religious festivals.

To meet the natural demand for end-of-year rituals New Year's Day has become the focus of Soviet celebrations. complete with all the commercialized trappings familiar in the West: seasonal greetings cards, packed toy shops,

excessive eating and drinking, and of course yolkes and sosnes decorated with gaily coloured baubles and lights. a yolka, for the record, is a fir tree, and a sosna is a pine. Most Russians have yolkas, but those whose we enlisted in the search for a tree were under the unshakeable impression that West Europeans go in for pines. Consequently a splendid sosna now stands in the window of The Times flat above the traffic of Kutuzovsky Prospekt, a cheerful sight for pedestrians and for officials whizzing past

Getting hold of a tree is not all that easy, and can involve traditional Russian ingenuity and wheeler-dealing. You can buy them in markets dotted round Moscow, and at five or six roubles each (£4-£5 they are not too expensive. But as usual with desirable goods, there are often enormous queues.

Some Russians risk the wrath of the authorities by venturing into the state-protected woods near the city and taking an axe to the yolka of their choice. But there is a stiff fine for yolka-lifting, and any foreigner caught in hand would no doubt find himself charged with theft of state property and on the next plane home.

denied reports that Mr William Wilson, the President's personal

but unofficial envoy to the Holy

See, would become a fully

Moves to formalize relations

owe much to the efforts of

Senator Richard Lugar (Republi-

can, Indiana) who met the Pope

earlier this year. Senator Lugar, a

Presbyterian, said afterwards

that the Pope deserved credit for

transforming the Vatican into a

significant political force for

The Establishment of relations

would, he argued, recognize the Pope as leader of a sovereign state

which is playing an increasingly

important role in world affairs.

edging the case with which Congress approved the repeal of

the 1867 law, have conceded that

theirs is an uphill battle. But they

intend to carry on fighting.

Protestant opponents, acknowle

fledged ambassador.



Tree-time: A Moscow family heading home with their yolka (fir tree).

officially, provided they re-member to write a letter well in advance. Those who panic as Christmas approaches tree-less can turn to a fixer, on of the invaluable middlemen who keep the wheels of the Soviet system working by finding ways round red tape and discreetly making the nexion between demand and

One colleague slipped a Russian acquaintance two bottles of vodka (unsure of the going rate) and asked him to put in a word with a friendly forester. Back came the man the next day with two yolkas. "But I only asked for one" my colleague said. "Two bottles, two trees" came the reply.

There was a time when foreigners in Moscow would enter the snow-bound forests with official sanction and ride round on a Russian sleigh to select their tree. Unfortunately, so Moscow legend has it, the sleigh rides became uproarious fun and were stopped. Nowadays you can take a romantic troika ride only within the tamer confines of the Moscow Park of Economic - Achievements. By and large it is now children who ride round the snow covered city streets in tiny sledges pulled by their moth-ers, usually in the general

Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Rus-

iournal in terms which suggest

that he has incurred the

Yevtushenko, sometimes criticized in the West for

compromising with the auth-

orities, was recently feted on his

fiftieth birthday by the official

individual and unorthodox

style. His novel, Berry Places, has

come under fire in Nash

Sovremennik (Our Contempor-

ary) for its frank description of

the Stalinist terror of the 1930s,

including the killing and intern-ment of peasants during en-

forced collectivization of agri-

In the novel, Yevtushenko describes how the campaign against allegedly rich peasants

(kulas) became indiscriminate.

În areas like his native Siberia,

where kulaks were few or

nonexistent, police rounded up

ordinary peasants to fulfil their

Kremlin's displeasure.

direction of Moscow's huge toy

In Children's World, the main such store (next to KGB headquarters cariously enough), Father Christmas known in Russia as Grandfather Frost - entertains young Muscovites in his familar red robes and cotton wool beard for an hour each day (The plan only allows him an hour, and be has norms to fulfill else-

For five roubles a Dial-a-Santa service will bring Grandfather Frost to your home. provided you supply him with toys beforehand and a nip of vodka afterwards. He is invariably accompanied by a Snow Maiden, a product of the Russian imagination with no Western counterpart. Racy thoughts about frolics in the snow should be banished. Maiden in her tightly buttoned, sparkling white outlit has a chaste and frosty manner to

The toys in Santa's sack do not include video game or Action Man, but Children's World products are remarkably good value. Some, such as tin

Nash Sovremennik said Stali-

circumstances prevailing at the

time, rather than taken out of

context. Berry Places was a

disbonest and immoral work

devoid of merit and should

never have been published, the

which he gave warning that the

tyrant might rise from the

Yuri Andropov - then head of the KGB - to protest against the arrestof the author, Alexander Solzhenitsyn. Mr Andropov

told him to go home and sleep.

scathing remarks about Yevtu-

shenko's acting ability,

Second World War.

Nash Sovremennik also made

The attack would appear to augur badly for Yevtushenko's

latest venture, a two-part film

about his childhood which

depicts the evacuation from

Moscow to Siberia in the

Ten years ago he phoned Mr

Yevtushenko falls foul

of the Kremlin

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

sia's hest-known poet, has been nism was a "difficult period" to bitterly attacked in a Soviet be explained in terms of the

something of an irritant with his 1960s when, as a young poet, he individual and unorthodox published The Heirs of Stalin in

have expected to be quietly and brandy butter.

Richard Owen

dirty war by police

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Spain is suffering from its past image Señor Felipe Gonzáez, the Prime Minister, said here yesterday, speaking in defence of the police combating unfair treatment at the trial and Basque terrorism.

admitting the mistakes'.

There were no longer any Basque "refugees" in France, he said, only "delinquents fleeing Spanish justice". The so-called revolutionary tax imposed by ETA the Basque seperatist organization should be known

More than 90 per cent o claims by those arrested that they had been tortured proved on investigation to be false.

eyes, would not pass British safety standards. But Russian children love the imaginative glove puppets and carved wooden toys, not to mention replicas of Soviet tanks and as, swiftly snapped up by small boys apparently unaware that war toys are supposed to be ideologically unsound and only sold in the militaristic

This year the throng is Children's World and The House of Toys has been swelled by harassed parents from the foreign community, many of whom had intended to return to the West rather than sample a Russian Christmas. Carefully laid plans were upset by President Andropov himself, rhose iliness has delayed scheduled meetings of the Central Committee and Supreme Soviet (normally held in November) until the last possible moment.

The Central Committee new meets next Monday, making Boxing Day a working day for foreign diplomats and corre-spondents when they might recovering from too much imported Christmas pudding

Yevtushenko's reputation as Referring to renewed allea literary gadfly began in the gations of torture of police. At the penal cou duct as "exemplary, even newspapers.

like extortion."

Señor González said.

no evidence whatsoever to support allegations that they exercise any profession of activity other than that of correspondent. "The Government does not approve of these allegations, but on the contrary the Govern-Spain denies ment disapproves of the attacks which occur from time to time against foreign correspondents, and it is determined to defend the integrity of all accredited

free exercise of their profession in this country."

The journalists' protest to the Forrign Press Association cited what they described as their the tendentious and incorrect

At the penal court trial, held methods in the light of Spanish by Mr Bobolas, the plaintiff's

foreign correspondents and the

Greeks turn

down

inquiry into

journalists

From Marvin Howe New York Times

Greece has rejected a request

from the country's largest-

selling newspaper for an investi-

gation of six Western journalists

on charges that they are

involved in a conspiracy against

the freedom and interests of the

.The Government said there

was no evidence to support the

accusations, made in a leading

article by the newspaper

The journalists had appeared

reporter, Paul

as character witnesses for a

Anastaiades, who was sentenced

last week to two years in prison

on charges of having libelled the

The case centered on Mr Anastasiades's book Take the

Nation in Your Hands and a

promotional press release he had written. Thet said Ethnos had links with the disinforma-

tion department of the KGB

and that the publisher, Mr

George Bobolas, was an agent of

influence for the Soviet Union, Ethnor said in a leading

article last week that the witnesses for Mr Anastasiades

had been moving easily under the protective cloak of inter-

national journalism while in

reality they were organs of dark forces viciously fighting the

freedom and interests of the

The journalists protested to the Foreign Press Association here and the association made a

formal protest on their behalf to

the Government. The reply was delivered to the six journalists -

Michael Skapinker of Maclean's magazine of Canada, Albert

Coerant of Dutch Radio and

Television, John Rogos of United Press International, Werner Rieder of Der Tagess-

poege, of Berilln, Lee Stokes of the Mail on Sunday of London and USA Today, and myself.

The Government's reply was

contained in a letter to the

Foreign Press Association by Mr Dimitris Maroudag, the

Under Secretary of Fress and Information. It said of the

journalists and the Ethnos

charges against them. "There is

Greek people.

publisher of Ethnos.

Greek people.

Cypriot

police "missions" inside French attorneys denounced the de-territory, the Socialist Prime fendant as a foreigner with no Minister described police con- right to comment on Greek Anastasiades writes under the

name Paul Anastasi as a correspondent for The Daily Telegraph of London and a part-time correspondent for The New York Times with his ETA the Basque seperatist witness, he was accused by the organization should be known for what it was - a "gangster- foreign agent implicated in a plot against the Greek people. After a four-day trial, the three judges convicted Mr Anastasiades of slanderous

Michael Chu

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defamation, or spreading libel knowing that it was untrue.

Cocos likely to join Australia

From Tony Duboudin Melbourne

The Cocos Islands are likely to become part of the Northern Territory for electoral purposes should the 600-odd mainly Malay inhabitants decide to ioin Australia.

The islanders are to have a Nations-supervised plebescite of self-determination next year, possibly in March, to decide whether to integrate with Australia, enter into a free association with Australia or become independent. Mr Tom Uren, the Minister

for Territories, visited the islands earlier this month and a spokesman said that all the indications were that the islanders would opt for integration. Mr Paul Everingham, the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, may go to the islands as part of a fact-finding mission

after the suggestion on Wednes-day by the federal Government that the islands be incorporated into the Northern Territory for federal electoral purposes. A spokesman for Mr Uren said after the minister's visit that the federal Government's duty at this stage was simply to inform the people and ensure that they had a good picture of

what the choices were. "The definite impression was gained during the visit that the islanders want intergration and they want the vote brought on quickly, possibly in March", the spokesman stated.

The Cocos Islands have been in the hands of the Clunies Ross family since the 1820s since Captain John Clunies Ross took l over the islands

Tories ride high in Denmark

From Christopher Follett Copenhagen

The first opinion poll since a general election was called for January 10 in Denmark predicts a massive victory for the Conservative Party of Mr Poul Schlüter, the Prime Minister.

Conducted by the Vilstrup Institute for *Politiken*, the leading Copenhagen daily, and published yesterday, the poll shows support, for the Con-servatives has doubled from 14.5 per cent of the vote in the last election in December, 1981,

It would put the Conservatives on a par with the opposition Social Democrats. raditionally the biggest party. More significantly, the survey gives the four-party minority Conservative-Liberal coalition of Mr Schlüter a combined 4 per cent of the vote, ensuring its continuation after the election.

achieving majority parliamen-tary backing for its first Conservative leader since 1901, called elections last week after parliament rejected the co-alition's key 1984 Finance Bill.

Since the Second World War. only two of 14 governments have managed to secure a majority. Thirteen parties are fighting the January election, the seventh in 13 years.

Eulogies for Schmidt as Brandt stays away

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Statesmen, politicians, artists and musicians have paid tribute to former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who was celebrating his sixty-fifth birth-day in his native Hamburg after being honoured with the freedom of the city. M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing,

the former French President, Dr Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State, Mr Dries van Agt, the former Dutch Prime Minister, and leading politicians from the Federal Republic and the Social Democratic Party - with the notable exception of Herr Willy Brandt - were among the many distinguished guests who took part in a special gathering on Thursday night in a theatre in Her Schmidt's constituency.

Mr Giscard, a close friend of Herr Schmidt when the two men were in office, called him the best known German of today in Europe and the world, and Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, speaking for the Christian Democrats, who ousted Herr Schmidt from office, spoke of his outstanding achievements for Germany and Europe.

keen collector of modern art and a noted musician - who has just accepted an invitation to play the piano at a concert given by Leonard Bernstein in Israel in May – told the many artists at the gathering that he did not think he had done enough for art when in office. President Karl Carstens, who drove to Herr Schmidt's house

to offer personal congratulations, presented him yester-day with a collection of 100 records, the complete recorded works of Bach.

Herr Brandt, Herr Schmidt's predecessor as Chancellor, whose relationship with hist has become increasingly fresty, was invited but did not attend. Herr Schmidt also failed to go to Herr Brandt's seventieth birthday party last week.

Hamburg voted to make the former Chancellor an honorary citizen - one of a handful thus honoured - but the motion was opposed by the Greens in the city Senat, who called Herr Schmidt a demagogue and representative of ca The attack, in Herr Schmidt's presence on Thursday, added a sour note to an occasion which otherwise consisted of long speeches of praise.

Herr Schmidt has said be does not intend to stand for election at the end of the present parliament. He has become co-editor of the weekly Die Zeit. In this week's edition, he called in a leading article for his countrymen not to show so much engst over the deployment of new missiles.

Herr Shmidt also said in a radio interview yesterday that the deployment in Western Europe was a defeat for the Soviet leadership, but the West' had to try to make it possible for the Russians to return to the negotiating table - which he thought likely in the end.



Christmas cheer: Former Wing Commander John Cox, freed with two other Zimbabwe Air Force officers, reunited with his family after 16 months in jail.

Harare plays down US aid cut

From Our Correspondent, Harare country's British-inspired con- accept," he said.

stitution.

Later, Mr Mugace to the Yery few countries have foreign correspondents that they need not comply with a do requiring cash all the time. In Kenya, they have had to resort to land bonds. We might

have to think about that."
State Department officials announced on Tuesday that aid to Zimbabwe in 1948 would be Midlands provinces to court cut to about \$40m (£27.5m), a reduction of \$35m. Mr Mugabe said he found "extremely objectionable "
State Department suggestions

linked to Zimbabwe's oppo-sition to US foreign policy. He denied any intention of refusing remaining US aid. "Why should we reject it? We the ban could be ignored to

that the aid reduction was

carried out resettlement pro-grammes after decolonization in the same way as we have had to almost half of the country. The law, gazetted six weeks

restricts

press reports on army and antigovernment guerrilla actity in the troubled Matabeleland and trial testimony, parliamentary debate and official Government statements. Essentially a duplicate of a press censorship law once used by the white Rhodesian Government, it carries a penalty of one year's imprison-

ment or £660 fine.
Ministry of Information officials had passed word that resettlement on a credit basis are a beneficiary and whatever several foreign journalists, but rather than the cash basis aid comes to us provided it has the advice has been treated required at present by the no strings attached, we will cautiously.

With the small, but pivotal, Radical Liberal Party, which supports the coalition, tipped to win 4 per cent of the vote, the prospect of the Government

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The price | A success of tin

Coketown, first discovered by Dickens, has spread since like a disease. Global Report (BBC2) examined a typically malignant growth 15,000 feet up in the Peter Pan Bolivian Andes where the human victims creep thought-fully about in the bright, lunar

Everything in Siglo Veinte revolves round the mine, whence the adult males extract tin for a fixed wage of £20 a month. "We don't expect to be in the sign of the long." said one. "Our life is finished in five years. There is no other work for us - there is nothing but the mine." The adult females spend a lot of time queueing at the company where many are in chronic debt. The young wait to move up into the placed vacated by their parents.

The Tin Trap was based on a simple, even obvious idea; it followed one miner on his daily round, then accompanied him along the route taken by his produce to London, Higon Cussi Guzman, 33, smiling handsome, already once hospitalized for a year by a near-fatal accident, was seen lighting the touch-paper and standing (fairly) well clear: no wonder the devil, a blood-red, trident-toting figure towering over him in the tunnel, gets so many prayers.

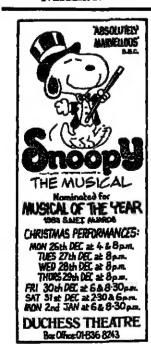
Tender farewells, then off to La Paz. First stop, surprise surprise, a roadblock by miners, and an address by a government official on the consequences of a drop in world prices. From La Paz to London, and to the Metal Exchange, where Higon was both amazed and amused.

Here young people earned their living as though by a party game, shouting and waving their fingers in the air. Higon wondered innocently whether more mature dealers might not take account of the human captial involved. A more mature dealer put him right. "It's aggressive, it's a young man's business. Human capital doesn't come into the calculation.

Then Higon went down a mine, surfacing full of wonder at the streamlined safety, and remarking enviously that in Britain you can work a long time before you get silicosis On the way back to Siglo Veinte he said he had learned how his mine could be improved. What had we learned? Something about the meaning of inflation.

Pride of Our Alley (ATV). Alan Plater's dramatization of the life of Gracie Fields, was cast in the form of a radio interview with the singer in middle age, with flashbacks to her gutsy, determined begin nings. Polly Hemingway was really was - our Gracie, from first to last: a remarkable performance which evoked the sort of affectionate loyalty her real-life model evoked from millions of admirers. The music-hall scenes, filmed in sepia, looked grittily authentic; [the smutty jokes rang wryly true; the voice modulated from an aggressive shout to lightness

Michael Church





-for all ages

Barbican

First seen last Christmas, the RSC's Peter Pan is a brave - at the time, some thought it crazy

- attempt to bury tired and tatty revivals for good and all, reclaim Barrie's fairy play and recreate its magic with all the aid of the company's bank of talent and the resources of the Barbican stage.

It succeeds spectacularly; that is the word. With a few additions to the text showing awareness of the flesh-and-blood friends that unwittingly roused the play from Barrie's creative mind, it becomes a production to satisfy adults and filits about the children equally but simultaneously for very different a charmed life.

From the lovingly detailed domesticity of a cream-painted Edwardian nursery, John Napier's seis take a confident leap into Neverland: a vast, treeplanted mound sewn with velvety moss in myriad colours. an ocean of swirling blue silk, a stoutly seventeenth-century pirate deck with skulls prominent among its carvings. With this stage's unrestricted height,

Moby Dick Royal Exchange

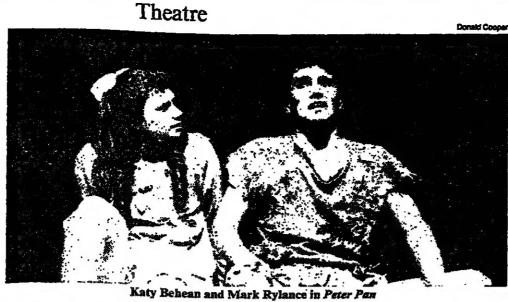
Manchester

I did not care for the vindictiveness with which the Royal Exchange announced Patrick McGoohan's withdrawal from this show: but it is true that had he taken part in it, Michael Elliott's production would have stood as a perfect heroic counterpart to the legendary Brand which first brought Elliott and McGoohan together in the 1950s.

As it is, Melville's Whaler is under the command of Brian Cox, who brings everythings to the role of Captain Ahab apart from the sheer sense of magnitude. Making one of the most long-delayed entrances on record, he is suddenly there - a supernaturally still presence, his dark coat and hat in stark contrast with the crew's cos-

hats for men. Her mother came

International



the flying effects are breathtaking. Mark Rylance, taking over Peter fresh from playing Ariel in The Tempest, launches into air "like a creature native and inbued unto that element" that flits about the precipitous terrain as though he really bore

As was noticed last year, it is good to see a really boyish sprite. With his delicate appearance, Mr Rylance can afford to he pretty gruff and arrogant in compensation. He also has a strange quality of unreachable-ness it made him a very poignant Ariel and it dooms the efforts of Katy Behean's passionately mothering Wendy from the start.

Stephen Moore doubles as

all the humanity that still

lingers in the crazy old man. What is missing is the demonic

side: when he roars his defiance

harpoon in a scene closer to

Greek myth than 19th-century

whaling, drama subsides into the spectacle of a bulky actor

shouting at the top of his voice.

voyage into a metaphysical

(partnered by Frances Tomelty, who truly does have a sweet indefinable smile) and a sardonically courtly Captain Hook, venomously addressing his rhapsody about the children "in their homes abed" to us out front, up long past our bed-times. Stephen Oliver's score gives him a little minuet with Scottish dotted rhythms; but the most haunting piece, used for Mrs Darling's lullaby and Wendy's dream of her house, and repeated in in infinitely varied orchestration, is a melody he originally intended for the fairies' song at the end of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

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Quitely overseeing the whole

leg that drives him on his Mr Elliott's adaptation is the voyage of revenge. Almost led off course by his affection for the mad Pip, and finally sighting his prey with the cry of lingering encounter between Ahab and John Cording's Starbuck, where the old man, having threatened to kill the an ecstatic lover, he brings out insubordinate mate, relents and allows him to patch-up the leaking oil barrels.

A great virtue of adaptation is that despite being extremely into the storm and reforges his to dwell on key episodes and allow breathing intervals for work shanties and even sunbathing amidst the otherwise unrelenting battle with the Mr Cox does have the elements.
The Royal Exchange, as its

authority to carry out the main regulars will agree, might have been designed with Moby Dick task of converting a ship's company into a pack of warriors, thus setting up the in mind. Even before the internal divisions that separate production begins the outer perimeter resounds with the him from Starbuck, Ishmael and the others who resist the sound of whale music: this then transformation of a trading gives way to the suck of the tides and wind, melodiously melancholy choruses of seals quest. And the production has the strength of casting to make which the crew take for cries of all these separate relationships the drowned, and finally the tume, apart from the whalebone count. One of the best scenes in apocalyptic detonation as Moby

mundane paterfamilias is Edward Petherbridge's narrator, his accent naturally north of the border, with Barrie's stage directions as well as passages from the Peter Pan novel. Drily glaring at Hook's crocodile as its innards sound the Westminster chimes, he can be immensely funny but his conjuring-up of a parade of Peter's "lost boys" in adult careers from judge to titled swell has its full significance. And John Czird's production, while marvellously busy on occasion, also justifies its unfamiliar text with the moving final sequences in which Peter's anguished unfulfilment comes disturbingly explicit,

Anthony Masters

Dick takes the ship down to the bottom. The acting area, rigged to the flies, evokes the Pequod with

heavy timber pieces including a huge mast and sail; but the triumph of Laurie Dennett's design comes at the end where the floor covering inflates into the heave and swell of the sea compressed, it always has time that swallows up Ahab and his There are fine individual

performances, particularly from Terence Weilton, who creates a figure of great dignity and warmth from the cannibla queequeg. But the heart of the show is in its seagoing panto-mime (movement by Litz Pisk and Sue Lefton): not only on board, but in the hunting forays by open boat with crew members seated on the empty floor rowing towards an invisible prey and chilling your blood through the sheer power

Irving Wardle erty tycoon who decides to drop out and of his son who

Concert

Bubbling along cheerfully

English Concert/Pinnock

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Queen Elizabeth Hall

This bubbling cheerfully played programme of "Concerts for Christmas" made me think again about the current vogue for baroque orchestras and the sound of period instruments. It would be difficult to think of two more different textures, interpretative approaches and resultant sounds than that of the airy, quicksilver, enjoyable but somehow superficial Han-del Concerto Grosso movement, which Trevor Pinnock's band played as their encore, and the performance of the same movement on Nikolaus Harnoncourt's recent recording of Handel's Op 6. Yet both claim to use period instruments and authentic" playing styles.
This may mean that we are

simply entering a newly mature era when old-instrument performances can be as diverse as those on new instruments.

to this confection from start to

finish has left me with hardly a

Described as "a rock car-

toon" (cartoon implying, surely,

brevity, wit, penetration, resonance) Class maundered on for

an hour and three quarters telling us in empty dialogue, witless lyrics and for the most

part deeply unmemorable music of a disenchanted prop-

word to say in its defence.

week in which he demonstrated how seventeenth and eighteenth century writers spoke of the violin as an eloquent, sweet, tender, powerful, agile instru-

All those qualities could be heard in Simon Standage's solo playing, particularly in his supremely eloquent slow movements and Telemann's B flat Concerto to Vivaldi's "Winter" from *The Four Seasons*. But was his playing attractive because it sounded reasonably like something to which we are accustomed?

That is the problem which Noël Goodwin's original reference to "the whining strings of baroque scholarship" – disliked by Dr Field – quite pertinently addresses; these instruments should surely sound different. We have to put up with various little fluffs and squeaks even from an ensemble as far

Certainly the sophisticated playing of Pinnock's orchestra supported Dr Christopher Field's letter to *The Times* this sivity, of rhetorical discourse sivity, of rhetorical discourse which is unusual. When seven teenth-century theorists wrot of sweetness, they may will have had something in mind closer to Mr Goodwin's whining than to Isaac Stern.

No one could confuse the sound of the modern oboe with that of its baroque equivalent David Reichenberg, in a most beautiful account of the slow movement of Albinoni's Op 9 No 2 Concerto, showed how : timbre shorn of its rich harmonics can be just as affecting as a richly coloured

He had a disturbing tendency to land slightly below the note, but his phrasing was sharp and his sense of rhythm taut. So too was Trevor Pinnock's in his own solo, Handel's concerto for organ in B flat Op 4 No 2.

Nicholas Kenvon

Radio Rock horror

complements Dad's decline by a rocketing rise in the music management business. One characteristic of some of the more militant Radio 4 listeners is a very clear notion of what the network ought and With that message of seasoought not to do. No doubt a nal goodwill delivered, let me number of correspondents are

trun to jollier things - such as Radio Active's Christmas Tureven now dipping their pens in caustic to ask what their network thought it was doing key (Radio 4, Dec 20; producer Jamie Rix) which at the top of putting out not just a musical its form nicely enshrined certain recognizable aspects of the spirit of Christmas as it is, but a rock musical as the Christmas week Monday Play. Surely, they will argue, such stuff belongs on Radio I. in contradistinction to what it is supposed to be. Having recently How I would like to be able spent some dire moments listening to groups of small boys singing "Hark, the herald angels" - apparently to as many to assure them that in Nick and Tony Bicat's Class (December 19; director, Michael Heffer-nan) their shrunken criteria had tunes as boys - I was especially impressed with the station's promotion of the carol-alarm. led them to dismiss a musicodramatic pearl. Unfortunately, and while I shall continue to uphold the enterprise of Radio Convincingly mimics large dog, lion, snake and Rabbi: "Boy, 4 in making the attempt, the experience of actually listening did you get the wrong house!"

> (Radio 3, Dec 20; producer, David Perry) a certain added edge, although truly Russell and Cajun cookery. Jazz lyrics account for. marvellously pointed up the subject matter.

One of the week's most curious and absorbing programmes turned up in the Radio 4 late Saturday evening slot. In Living Memory (Dec 17; producer, Barbara Crowther), June Knox-Mawer spoke to three people, a child of seven, a man of 40 and a woman of 81, each of whom possesses a clear, detailed signal of the a detailed picture of what appears to be a previous existence. She also questioned Professor Ian Stevenson, an American psy-chologist who specializes in this sort of mystery, and, most productively. Dr Rupert Sheldrake, a British biochemist who has already caused a bit of a sur with some of his ideas on evolution. Here he was propesing the possibility of a collective memory is able to make contact as if it were a radio receives. The approach of the season of gluttony may have given Red ill-understood. Conceivably Beans and Rice in Paradise explained - a possibility for which Ma Knox-Mawer's most persuasive advocate was the child, Catherine. She was not Davies's programme, needed no child, Catherine. She was not help of any sort. Here he took us on a conducted tour of New years, but possessed of perceptus of the programme of the programme. or a conducted tour of New years, but possessed of perceptions and its hinterland with particular reference to Creole many of them not too easy to

David Wade

Interview A new sense of freedom



Gillian Ayres: the abstract excites

from Somerset farming stock. After some pleasant years at the Froebel School at Roehampton, where she looked after the goat, Gallery in Lisle Street, of Shaftesbury Avenue. The painter Henry Mundy, whom she later married and eventually made pots and excelled at art and maths, she found St Paul's utterly conventional. "I was taught by Pasmore's sister, who divorced, did the other three days. It became a meeting place for painters, writers and Soho was rather uninspring - you just drew daffodils, that sort of Bohemia.

thing. But it was very good for music, and I got something out of books on people like Monet and van Gogh."

Long determined to paint, she left and became one of three dining room. The workers though she was going mad as, Jackson Pollock-like, she swirled the paint on in a tremendous release of creative with leavest. 15-year-olds at Camberwell School of Art, "It was rather bewildering in human terms, as it was full of ex-service people talking about the desert and Burma." The teachers, predoenergy. The result caused some consternation, but the panels helped shape the psyches of the girls for 13 years, then disap-peared, presumed destroyed. minantly of the Euston Road persuasion (low-key colours, emphasis on drawing), did not encourage her proclivity to abstraction, so she left after four years without taking any exams, Happily, as a result of research Tor this show, they were found undamaged beneath a layer of and headed for Cornwell.

"I had a dreamy idea you In 1959, two years later, she could char and paint, but in fact you don't have the energy to paint if your've been working what was probably a 14-hour day, six days a week." Being a chambermaid was terrible - I was always getting caught to iron dirty sheets". Returning to London after a few months, she ended up working three days a week at the AIA (Artists'

Association)

Greenwood, an architect doing some modernization at South Hampstead (girls) School, and he commissioned her to paint four hugh panels for the school

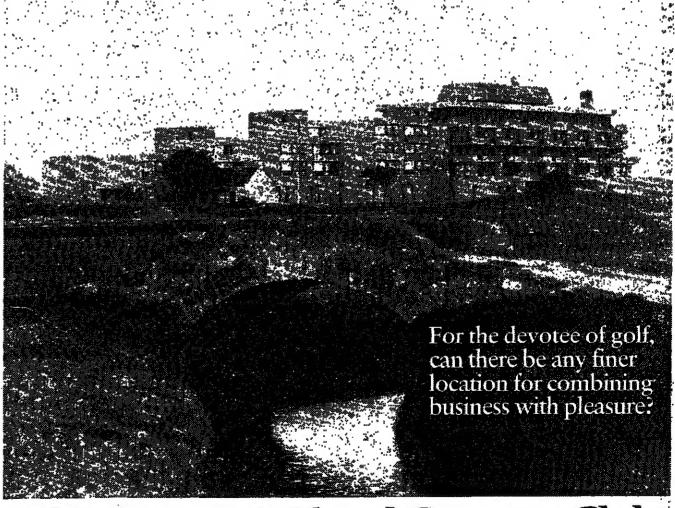
began what became 22 years of part-time teaching: first under the remarkable Clifford Ellish at Bath Academy Heath; then at St Martin's in London, where Anthony Caro and others were then siring a new generation of sculptors in welded steel; and finally as head of painting at Winchester School of Art. Since most British painters

cannot make a living without teaching, she reckons our art students get good value for money, "Now the authorities are trying to make art schools systematic, and they are de-stroying them, she said" Gillian Ayres believes that she too, One visitor was Michael benefited from teaching. "In the long run one gets a lot our of it.
Besides all the people you mix
with, you also get something out
of the best third of students ~ and you can talk seriously about

> At Winchester she became seriously ill and in 1981 resigned. She had often stayed with her sister in Wales in the 1950s, and decided to settle ther with her two sons. "I have liked the west of Britain, mountain landscapes, all my life. At one level I had always had a funny, almost private thing about getting out and being able to think on my own."

> She found an old rectory in the Llyn Penisula near Snowdonia and there, amid her chickens, vegetables and apple trees and surrounded by Welshspeakers from whom she has had nothing but kindness, she has created her often huge new works with a new sense of

> > Roger Berthoud



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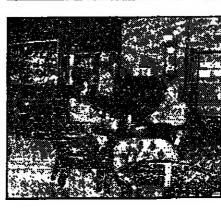
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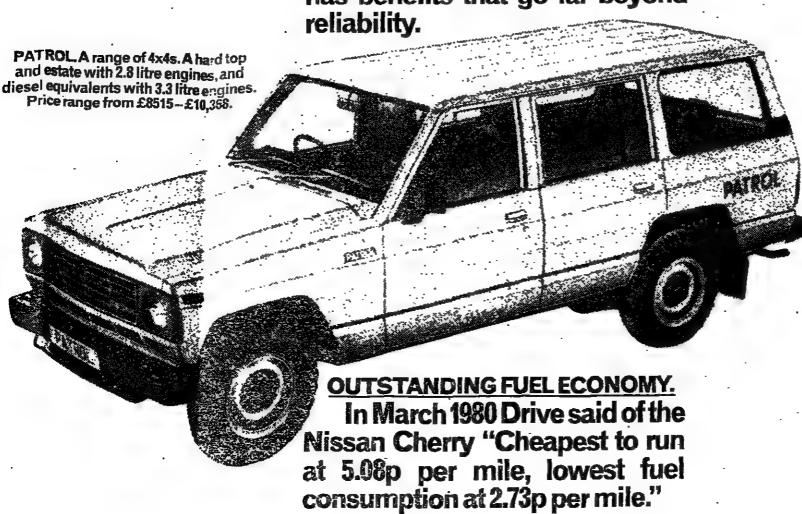
virtually alone," and more recently they said "the Sunny is the most reliable car with the lowest number of days off the road."

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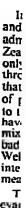
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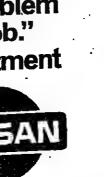
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The attitude is well expressed by a young line worker at a Nissan factory: "I don't want its owner to ever have a problem and think I failed to do my job."

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prologue. My mother, who was

exceptionally intelligent, was the

most beautiful girl in Alabama.

Everyone said so, and it was true;

and when she was 16 she married a

28-year-old businessman who came from a good New Orleans family.

The marriage lasted a year. My

mother was too young to be a mother or a wife; she was also too

ambitious - she wanted to go to college and to have a career. So she

left her husband; and as for what to

do with me, she deposited me in the

Over the years. I seldom saw either of my parents. So far as I was

concerned, this was not an un-

pleasant situation. I was happy where I was. I had many kindly relatives, aunts and uncles and

cousins, particularly one cousin, an elderly, white-haired, slightly

crippled woman named Sook. Miss

Santa Claus, his flowing beard, his red suit, his jangling present-filled sled, and I believed her, just as I

believed that everything was God's will, or the Lord's, as Sook always

called Him. If I stubbed my toe. or

fell off a horse, or caught a good-

sized fish at the creek - well, good or bad, it was all the Lord's will. And that was what Sook said when she

received the frightening news from

New Orleans: my father wanted me

to travel there to spend Christmas

I cried. I didn't want to go. I'd never left this small, isolated

Alabama town surrounded by

foresis and farms and rivers. Then,

too. I was afraid of strangers, and my father was a stranger. I had seen

him several times, but the memory

was a haze: I had no idea what he

Lord's will. And who knows, Buddy,

Snow! Until I could read myself,

Sook read me many stories, and it

seemed a lot of snow was in almost

all of them. Drifting, dazzling fairytale flakes, it was something I'd

dreamed about; something magical

and mysterious that I wanted to see

and feel and touch. Of course I

like that. My first stop was in

Mobile, I changed buses there, and

rode along forever and forever through swampy lands and along

sea-coasts until we arrived in a loud

city tinkling with trolley cars and

packed with dangerous foreign-look-

And suddenly, as I stepped off the

bus, a man swept me in his arms.

squeezed the breath out of me, he

was laughing, he was crying - a tall,

good-looking man, laughing and crying. He said: "Don't you know me? Don't you know your daddy?" I was speechless. I didn't say a

word until at last, while we were riding along in a taxi, I asked:

Our house? It's not far -

"Not the house. The snow."

"I thought there would be a lot of

He looked at me strangely, but

laughed. "There never has been any

snow in New Orleans. Not that

heard of But listen. Hear that

was still raining. I said my prayers and prayed that I would soon be

home with Sook. I didn't know how

I could ever go to sleep without

Sook to kiss me goodnight. The fact

was. I couldn't go to sleep, so I began to wonder what Santa Claus would bring me. I wanted a pearl-

handled knife. And a big set of jigsaw puzzles. A cowboy hat with

matching lasso. And I wanted a box

of crayons.

My father seemed to have

everything - a car with a rumble

seat, not to mention an old, pink

pretty little house in the French Quarter. He also had a half-dozen,

I'd say full-dozen, lady friends.

That night, when I went to bed, it

thunder? It's sure going to rain!"

ing people.
That was New Orleans.

It was a 400-mile trip, something

never had, and neither had Sook.

maybe you'll see snow.

she was by far my best friend.

elderly.

care of her large Alabama family...

SPORTING DIARY

Twickers in a twist

I bear Christmas tidings that should have every Twickenham diehard spluttering into his preprandials: a group of determined ladies has just stablished a national association for women's game has existed, mostly atuniversities, for some years now, but

the ladies are extending their range.

Tricia Moore, spokesperson for the organization, is not sure if it can get away with calling itself the Women's Rugby Union (the acronym might be confused with the Welsh). She says: "Our games tend to be more tactical than men's games, with a good deal less gratuitous violence. But it is still a very aggressive game; we play to exactly the same rules as the men. It is played in a good spirit though, about as ladylike as it could be, in the circumstances. We have been told we are about the same standard as a good 14-year-old schoolboy

Two's a crowd

Every week we hear more horror stories of Football League clubs agonizing about their dwindling attendances. They should worry: the recent titanic clash between the French third division club Olympique Lyonnais and A.J. Auxerre attracted an audience of exactly one. Gate receipts were 20 frames: I hope this unknown football supporter did not begrudge it overmuch. The result was 0-0.

Après le deluge

Ivory Coast footballers can feel justified in being a bit cross. In the final of the Exowas Trophy. Togo and Ivory Coast were locked together 1-1 at the end of normal time. Ivory Coast took the lead after three minutes of extra time, but with five minutes to go there was a cloudburst and the referee took the players off. When he tried to restart the match, the Togo players refused saying the pitch was water-logged The referee then awarded the match to Ivory Coast, but the competition's organizing committee overruled him, and decided on a "compromise" solution of a full

BARRY FANTONI



Yes, dear, it means Mummy will be home for Christmas

Getting it taped. Ballesteros, McEnroc, Davis - relax:

have decided not to take up Videotherapy. This is a programme combining self-hypnosis and big names with clever advice which will make me better at just about everything in sport. There are also Videotherapy techniques for giving up smoking and losing weight, and even, apparently, "combating the stress of modern living." However, Seve. John Patrick and Steve can be assured that I would never take advantage of them like this.

Different tack

Horsy people are the bitter end, and I should know, because I am one. For it is not the sensible, helpful and unfindable-elsewhere information on London riding stables that attracted me first in the recently published Good Ride Guide but its occasional negative report in unminced words. Tales of unscheduled aorrors of Hampstead and one stable stocked with horses trained to rear and fall down for film work warm any horseperson's natural love of bitchery. One establishment is summed up laconically: "No hacking, no men – no thank you."

Rallying round

Two American table tennis players have set what could well be an unbreakable world record for the game's longest rally. Rick Bowling and Rich Dewitt are the goggle-eyed-pair, and it was Rick who missed the first ball - after ten hours and nine

Geldings gilded

If you are looking for a Christmas present for Daniel Wildenstein or the Aga Khan, you could not do better than give them a copy of Robert Sangster's diary. This is the natuest new publication in racing. and features the horseracing tycoon in all his panoply of splendour.

It is a kind of body-building performance, a choreographed display of all Sangster's equi-financial muscles popping and writhing. The little black book, with its metal corners and gilt-edged pages, tells you everything you ever wanted to know about Sangster, but were too cool to ask: his stallions, potential stallions, trainers, interests in Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States, Venezuela – Sangster glorio-sus. This one will run and run (unlike Golden Fleece).

Simon Barnes

A seasonal story of Santa Claus in the Deep South

One Christmas

by Truman Capote



miserable I was. He would say: "Tell the truth. Don't you want to come and live bere with me in New Orleans?

"What do you mean you can't?" "I miss Sook. I miss Queenie: we have a little rat terrier. a funny little

thing. But we love her."

He said: "Don't you love me?"

I said: "Yes." But the truth was, except for Sook and Queenie and a few cousins and a picture of my beautiful mother beside my bed. I had no real idea of what love meant. I soon found out. The day before

Christmas, as we were walking along Canal Street, I stopped dead still. mesmerized by a magical object that saw in the window of a big toy store. It was a model airplane large enough to sit in and pedal like a bicycle. It was green and had a red propeller. I was convinced that if you pedalled fast enough it would take off and flv!

That night i prayed that Santa Claus would bring me the airplane. Of course, I had never seen a weighted, jangling, belly-swollen giant flop down a chimney and gaily dispense his largesse under a Christmas tree. My cousin Billy Bob, who was a mean little runt but had a brain like a fist made of iron. said it was a lot of hoocy, there was no such creature.

"My foot!" he said. "Anybody would believe there was any Santa Claus would believe a mule was a horse." This quarrel took place in the tiny courthouse square. I said: "There is a Santa Claus because what he does is the Lord's will and whatever is the Lord's will is the truth." And Billy Bob, spitting on the ground, walked away.

My father's house had three floors and seven rooms. It was the kind of house best displayed by lacquered velvet there. It could have been mistaken for the house of a rich man: rather, it was the place of a man with an appetite for elegance. To a poor (but happy) barefoot boy from Alabama it was a mystery how he managed to satisfy that desire. But it was no mystery to my mother. Many years later, she visited me in a snobbish New

England boarding school when something I said tossed her into a rage; she shouted: "So you don't know how he lives so well? Charters yachts and cruises the Greek Islands? His wives! Think of the whole long string of them. All widows. All rich. Very rich. And all much older than he. Too old for any sane young man to marry. That's why you are his only child. And that's why I'll never have another child - I was too young to have any babies, but he was a beast, he

wrecked me, he ruined me -" All the while she talked (and I tried not to listen, because by telling me my birth had destroyed her, she was destroying me), tunes suddenly

ran through my head. They helped me not to hear her, and they reminded me of the strange haunting party my father had given in New Orleans that Christmas Eve.

The patio was filled with candles, and so were the three rooms leading off it. After I had been introduced to the guests, and been made much of.
I had been sent upstairs; but from the terrace outside my French-shuttered bedroom door, I could watch all the party, see all the couples dancing. I watched my father waltz a graceful lady around the pool that surrounded the mermaid fountain. She was graceful, and dressed in a wiser all the surrounded the mermaid fountain. wispy silver dress that shimmered in the candlelight: but she was old - at least 10 years older than my father. who was then 35.

Then I saw something that made me blink. My father and his agile partner had danced themselves into a niche shadowed by scarlet spider orchids: and they were embracing, kissing. I was so startled, I was so irate. I ran into my bedroom, jumped into bed and pulled the covers over my head. What would my nice looking young father want with an old woman like that! And why didn't all those people downstairs go home so Santa Claus could

Several things occurred that kept me awake the whole night. First, the footfalls, the noise of my father running up and down the stairs. breathing heavily. I had to see what he was up to. So I hid on the balcony among the bougainvilles, I saw him crawling around under the Christmas tree in the parlour arranging a pyramid of packages. I felt dizzy, for what I saw forced me to reconsider everything. If these were presents intended for me, then obviously they had not been ordered by the Lord and delivered by Santa Claus: no, they were gifts bought and wrapped by my father. Which meant that my rotten little cousin Billy Bob and other rotten kids like him weren't lying when they taunted me and told me there was no Santa Claus. The worst thought was: Has Sook known the truth, and lied to me? No. Sook would never lie to me. She believed.

watched until my father had finished his chores and blown out the few candles that still burned. I waited until I was sure he was in bed and sound asleep. Then I crept downstairs to the parlour.

I sat there, thinking: Now I will have to be the one to tell Sook the truth. An anger, a weird malice was spiralling inside me: It was not directed towards my father, though he turned out to be its victim.

When the dawn came I decided to open the packages; it was Christmas morning, I was awake, so why not? I won't bother to describe what was inside them: just shirts and sweaters and dull stuff like that. The only thing I appreciated was a quite snazzy cap-pistol. Somehow I got the idea it would be fun to waken

pulling some kind of stunt. Builhen he blushed, as though he was ashamed to be thinking what he was thinking. He patted my head, and coughed and said: "Well, I thought I'd wait and let you pick? out something you wanted. Is there anything particular you want?"

reminded him of the airplane we had seen in the toy store on Canal Street. His face sagged. Oh, yes he remembered the airplane and how expensive it was. Nevertheless, the next day I was sitting in that airplane dreaming I was zooming toward heaven while my father wrote out a cheque for a happy salesman. There had been signe argument about sending the plane to Alabama, but I was adamant - I insisted it should go with me on the bus that I was taking at two o'cleck that afternoon.

He raced out of his room wild-

Buddy - what the hell to you

I laughed. "Look. Daddy, Look at all the wonderful things Santak laus

Calm now he walked into the parlour and hugged me. You like what Santa Claus brought you?

I smiled at him. He smiled at me.

There was a tender lingering

moment, shattered when lightld:

"Yes. But what are you going to give me. Daddy?" His smile evaporated.

His eyes narrowed suspiciously, you could see that he thought it was

think you're doing?" Bang. Bang. Bang. "Stop that!"

brought me."

But I wasn't free of New Orleans ver. The problem was a large silver flask of moonshine; maybe it was because of my departure, but anyway my father had been swilling it all day, and on the way to the bus station, he scared me by grabbing my wrist and harshly whispering: I'm not going to let you go. I can't let you go back to that crazy family in that crazy old house. Just look at what they've done to you. A boy so. almost seven, talking about Sama Claus! It's all their fault, all those sour old spinsters with their Bibles and their knitting needles, those drunken uncles, Listen to me. Buddy. There is no God! There is no Santa Claus."

He was squeezing my wrist so hard that it ached. "Sometimes, oh. God. I think your mother and I, the both of us, we ought to kill ourselves to have let this happen . . . Kiss me. Please. Please. Kiss me, Tell your daddy that you love him." But I couldn't speak. I was terrifled I was going to miss my bus. And I was worried about my plane, which was strapped to the top of the taxi. "Say it: 'I love you.' Say it. Please. Buddy.

Twelve hours later I was home in bed. The room was dark. Sook was sitting beside me, rocking in a rocking chair, a sound as soothing as OCCUR WHYCH

She stroked her fingers through my hair, and said: "Of course there single somebody could do all he has to do. So the Lord has spread the task among us all. That's why everybody is Santa Claus, I am. You are. Even your cousin Billy Bob. Now go to sleep. Count stars. Think

of the quietest thing. Like snow."
Stars sparkled, snow whirled inside my head; the last thing I remembered was the peaceful voice of the Lord telling me something I must do. And the next day I did it. I went with Sook to the post office and bought a penny postcard. That same postcard exists today. It was found in my father's safety deposit box when he died last year. Here is what I had written: "Hello pop hope you are well I am and I am lurning 10 pedel my plain so fast I will soon be in the sky so keep your eyes open and ves I love you Buddy."

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Noel Annan

Jobs for life but not too soon

dons continue to be given a contract which guarantees employment for 40 years? Academic staff, event in Cambridge and one or two other institutions, get tenure after only three years' probation and are scure in their job until 65. Now Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary has advised the Privy Council out to allow any university to amount its statutes unless it adds redundancy along with ill-health, miscondict or scandalous behaviour as a

cause" for dismissal. No wonder. When the Goran-ment cut university costs. academic staff were asked 10 like early retirement. The compensation paid to those who did reflected the fact that had they been dismissed they could have sued for breath of contract. So the taxpayer half to provide £100m, The DES has warned universities to expect 100se more staff by the 1990s and Sir Keith faces another huge bill.

About half the universities guarantee tenure for everyone The other half have break clauses. in lecturers' contracts, but these seem to be a dead letter. So is no don has been made redundani sand the universities and colleges walking to change their statutes are now refusing to insert the clause Sir Keith wants.

As always, the universities are ready to explain why change is impossible. First, they ask, whyfus? Why should civil servants or the staffs of museums and galleries have tenure and not dons? Next they argue that academic freedom a at stake. Tenure protects those with original minds which often ean subversive of received wisdom in their subjects. In fact there are numbers of safeguards, not least the igilance of the Association of University Teachers (AUT).

There is another and strotter rgument, though it would not mpress executives in industry who have been made redundant through no fault of their own. It is this: An army officer is trained in a multitude of skills which enable tim to apply successfully on retirement for another job. But a don who studies Egyptology or Topology disqualifies himself from alternative mployment.

The universities urge the Government to face realities. When they heard a whisper that the Government was thinking of bringing in a one-line bill to abolish tenure they pointed out that this would apply only to new staff. The sitting tenants are secure. Parliament would hardly pass a bill depriving the members of a profession of their contractual rights under Common Law.

They judge that university councils and senates will never vote to make redundancy a cause for dismissal.

So, say some vice-chanceliois, why not leave it to us? We will soon ensure that only 40 per cent of slaff! will have tenure and they will enjoy. it for no longer than 25 years. But no move to do so has been observed. In the past 15 years the universities have resisted virtually all proposals for saving money voluntarily what-

ver party was in power.

The AUT could never get its members out on strike academic staff know that if they did the Government would be unmoved and the public amused. But when the AUT advises its members to stand on their contractual right to tenure, it is as formittable as the NGA's opposition to the use of modern technology in newspaper production. Both unions are protecting the jobs of their members with this difference - the universities are

not over-manned meone who has spent 15 years establishing himself as a scholar of distinction should not be dismissed overnight. Tenure is reasonable and necessary for scholars. But not on the present terms. The present probationary period is, a scindal. No one can judge in two and a half years whether a young scholar will mature into a good teacher who is likely to produce interesting research many years or become renowned for learning. No American university grants tenure as frivolously as we do. No one should get tenure until he is at least 35. The retiring age should be fixed at 60, the university (not the scholar) having the right to reemploy at a lower salary for no longer than five years. Such conditions would make universities far more flexible and able. to respond to new developments.

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it would be reasonable for the Government to invite universities to amend their statutes on these lines and it should require them to de so not later than the end of next year. If they did not comply, the Govern-ment should introduce a bill making redundancy good cause for dismissal of any new member of academic staff at any age. If that happens, a safeguard which scholars need, would be lost. But it would not be the first time that universities would have brought a bad policy upon themselves. The last time they did so was over the fees for overseas

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David Cohen

No stocking, just the usual dilemma

Christmas tree. She placed it well away from the windows that gave out on to the street so that if the rabbi passed he would not glimpse the offending tinsel.

My mother wanted a Christmas tree for two reasons. She did not like to advertise the fact that we were different and there was also the question of prudence. Ever since her youth in Romania, she had been worried by rumours that God might actually be a goy rather than a Jewish patriarch so she occasionally posped into the local Catholic church to light candles. That couldn't be too bad. After all, as good Jews we lit candles on Friday. Candles had to be ecumenical.

Christmas provokes all kinds of gentle unease among Jews, unease because you don't want to mark yourself out as being that different and unease because it requires toughness not to succumb to Christmas fever. As it happens, December sees the Jewish festival of Chanukkah, and even "bad" Jews like me bridle when friends say, without the least malice, that it's the

concept to make the mind boggle.

In fact. Chanukkah celebrates the miracle of the oil when the Jews reentered the Temple. There was enough oil for only one day, but it lasted eight days. On each evening of the eight days of Chanukkah, one lights a new candle on the *menoral*t. the eight-branched candelabrum. Some Jews give their children small presents every evening of the lestival. Some orthodox Jews have now reverted to a tradition of giving "Chanukkah geldt". Yiddish for money. That way, there can be no confusion with Christmas presents. For less orthodox Jews, the fact that Christmas itself has become less and less of a religious festival creates problems. Do you not give your children Christmas presents because it isn't a Jewish festival or do you fudge and give them presents that you don't call Christmas presents? Many fudge, but some "Chris-

tian" traditions are much harder to adopt. While I found plenty of Jews who admitted, guiltily, that they really couldn't deprive their children of the presents all other children got. didn't find any who put out Christmas stockings. When I was little, my ecumenical

mother managed to fudge things well. In Eastern Europe, they had also celebrated the feast of St Nicholas as an occasion for giving presents. That often falls in December too. So, in good years, I got

Correction

In early editions yesterday the word "British" was printed in place of "Irish" in the following passage of Dr Garret FitzGerald's article: "A different and somewhat contrasting error which has encouraged the IRA in particular, and which has been particularly resented by trish politicians, has been the series of direct and indirect contacts with the IRA and Sinn Fein on the part of past Secretaries of State."

Good Jews don't have Christmas Chanukkah presents. St Nicholas trees, When I was little, my mother's presents and Christmas presents compromise was to have a small and, if the dates fell right, it wasn't

too clear precisely what festival the presents were for. For really orthodox Jews, especially the Hassids with their long frock coats, there is none of this domestic unease and confusion. Christmas exists to be ignored. Or not quite. According to Jewish tradition, studying the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, adds to the radiance and life energy of the world. It is aublimaly a good thing to

But there is a tradition that one does not study the Torah on Christmas Eve. The logic is obvious. if uncomfortable. The coming of Christ meant not just suffering and persecution for the Jaws but being edged out from their position as the main monotheistic religion. On the day when Christians celebrate that, why should plous Jews add 10 the radiance and energy of the world? A friend once showed me a picture of two rabbis zealously playing chess. on Christmas Eve in order not to study the Torah.
I have not studied the Torah since

my barmitzvah but i understand that stealthy aggression towards Christmas. The only time I went to midnight mass I felt uneasy. I was going to get married to a Catholic who, before feminism made her faith impossible, took rituals seriously. She was going with her family to their local church in New Jersey. Not to go would have meant an explanation, standing out i didn't expect to enjoy the service but I was curious and, then, quite taken aback when I found myself bristling at the carols I liked to hear muzakked in supermarket centres. Among the incense and crucifixes in the church, they made me feel surprisingly bad.

Even today, and even in tolerant countries like Britain, Jews feel under pressure not to mention such anxicties. I have no idea how many very pious Jews - if any at all - will refrain from studying the Torah. And, certainly, official Jewish bodies prefer to stress the fact that, on Christmas Day, Jews can do many things for Christians.

In many jobs, Jews volunteer to work Christmas Day; hospitals tend to be full of Jewish voluntary workers. In Manchester the organ-izer of the Hassidic Lubavitch Foundation, Mr Vogel, who cuts a Falstaffian figure and speaks Yiddish in a thick Manchester accent. told me that, after all, Christmas was "their festival" and it was the duty of a good Jew to be friendly and replace Christians at work so that they could celebrate their big day. And Jews aren't unique. I have

Indian friends who are bewildered by Christmas. An Irish psychiatrist explained to me how alien he felt the day of the royal wedding. That was a celebration for the British and he was outside it. So the ambivalence of Jews towards Christmas is. perhaps, not that different from the experience of other people at other times. Happy Yiddish Christmas.



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A CHILD FOR OUR TIMES

It was an unusual birth announcement, not the kind we are familiar with in the personal column of this newspaper, for instance. Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and goodwill to all men." Indeed, the shepherds may have wondered what relevance it had at all to babies and the delivery thereof. But they did not know it was Christmas Day, when strange things always happen. It is the day when the world reverses its usual values, when strangers smile in the street, when prisoners receive little privileges at the taxpayers' expense, when there is universal care for any who are lonely, poor, or afraid, and when children are especially treasured.

It has become fashionable to

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taint our enjoyment of Christmas with a little cynicism, to regard the omnipresent benevolence of the Day as superficial sentimentality and the prior extrávagance as rampant materialism, but that is bound to be how the spirit of Non-Christmas would mock the spirit of Christmas. Non-Christmas would reply to the angels: "How unrealistic!" There was no more goodwill in first century Pales-tine, no more peace, than in our own world; indeed the baby born that day had to be smuggled out of the country to save its life, before long. But the angelic message is our hope, our vision of a better and kinder life, and the instinct to recall it every year, to live one day as if it were year, to live one day as if it were suspended, homages paid to true, is the token of how other values, inarticulate hope is desperately we need that hope.

It is difficult to escape the conclusion that had the angels attached their message to any other event at all, we would long since have forgotten it. The genius of the Christmas story, however, is that it centred upon the birth of a child, an experience so universal, and so universally wonderful, that none is excluded from it. The new born baby is innocence itself, it commands no armies, levies no taxes, knows nothing of fame, wealth, or cleverness, crime, or virtue. At the crib-side all men and women are equal, all humbled by the recollection of their own origins. In an age a little jaded by the wranglings of the doctrinal schoolmen, which wants its religion to be more of the heart than of the head, a new born baby is the ideal religious symbol. It demands no difficult intellectual assent. It demands

To deny the meaning of Christmas is to deny all that, rather than to deny the truth of some theological proposition of the traditional Christmas faith. Secularism, as we have come to experience it, is about philosophical scepticism when faced with the claims of religious dogma, and in that sense many a secular Christmas will be celebrated in Britain this year. But dogma apart, it is not secular at all; each in his own religious way experiences Christmas as the day the rules of the world are refreshed. Those who cannot

only that we be moved.

enter into its spirit are to be pitied indeed, for they are confessing their total captivity to worldliness, and denying mankind's inherent spirituality. They may well mock, may well mutter "Humbug!" with Scrooge, but the lesson of that famous tale is that Christmas is not some ridiculous fantasy when society takes leave of its senses; it is how things ought to be, a taste of a different reality. The child's desire for "Christmas every day" is not absurd; it should be the goal of all human effort. The one sin is to give up on that effort, to abandon the world to its normal nastiness, as a hopeless mess.

There was more meaning even

than that to the original Christ-mas. By the end of that first day. was still no obvious connexion betweeen the infant in the stable and the proclamation by the angels. Merely by being born. Jesus did not achieve what they had promised, Merely by celebrating Christmas once more, we do not create a permanent state of peace and goodwill. Jesus's life was only beginning to reveal to mankind an option whose shape was not plain, just as Christmas annually keeps alive that option. but without fulfulling it. The story goes on from his birth: there was also a death, no less awesome, no less central to the meaning of the thing. For there to be Christmas every day, there has to be an Easter in every life, and the ultimate rejection of Christmas is to refuse to contemplate that price.

NO ONE TAKES THE RAP

Earls Court, London, Janauary 14. 1983; six o'clock in the evening. The scene is still vividly remembered. A yellow Mini is stationary in a rush-hour traffic. jam. It is approached by a man in a blue anorak with a revolver in his hand. There are shots. Two other armed men join the fray. The driver, five bullets in his body and beaten about the head with a revolver to within an out of the car. The men with guns are policemen. Their victim is the wrong man; no firearm in

his possession or his car. . ;

to danger in pursuit of a criminal who had escaped from custody. He had shot and wounded a policemen when previously arrested. The policemen were trailing, a girl with whom the criminal was keeping company. One of her companions in the car was thought to bear a resemblance to the criminal. When the car was caught in the traffic one of the policemen from a following vehicle was sent forward to investigate.

That shooting in a crowded thoroughfare and the fearful and almost fatal mistake of identity deeply shocked the public. Had the criminality of modern urban society really come to this? Was it gun law in the guise of law enforcement?

Two, of the three policemen who had used their weapons were charged with attempted murder and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Their defence to all charges was that of self-defence, the use of a degree of force that was necessary in the extremity if they were to protect their own

lives. They were acquitted. Though the acquiral was not to be questioned, there was lay concern at the judge's exposition of the law in the course of his summing up. His doctrine of the

fence appeared to confer an alarming licence on armed policemen to use their guns, not to mention the wider application of the doctrine beyond the police force (for in these matters the rights of the policeman are the rights of the citizen).

Cleared of criminal charges. the three detective constables who had fired at the driver of the inch of his life, lies half in half ' Mini remained exposed to possible disciplinary charges. A disciplinary investigation was duly carried out by the Metropolitan Police and it was concluded that charges should not be preferred, either because of insufficient evidence or because the charges would be of a kind precluded by the Police Act.

The rule of double jeopardy. the rule that no one shall stand trial twice on the same charge, applies to the police disciplinary code when criminal charges have already been preferred. It is the rule, quite rightly, that a police officer who has been brought before the courts on a criminal charge should not, whether acquitted or convicted, thereafter be charged with a disciplinary offence which is in substance the same. The criminal trial had taken care of assault and the use of excessive force. Those issues, which were the main issues, could not be retried in the context of disciplinary proceed-

The criminal trial had however brought to light several prima-facie breaches of police standing orders or instances of disobedience. In particular, the first detective constable to anproach the Mini had been sent forward to make an identification of the suspected man, not to make an arrest. There was evidence that in drawing his gun when he did he was in contravention of police regulations. There was also evidence that he

pre-emptive strike in self-de- shot at - he certainly hit - the tyres of the car, also contrary to intructions: and evidence that he fail ed - though he may have tried - to give an audible warning shout, as required.

These were apparent breaches of discipline quite distinct from the burden of the earlier criminal charges. Yet the Police Complaints Board agreed with the two senior officers of the Metropolitan Police that they should not be made the subject of disciplinary charges. Their reasoning, especially in the case of the allegedly premature drawmatter had been gone into at the trial in relation to self-defence), is hard to accept. The breaches of the rules, if that is what they were, may in themselves have been minor, but they contributed to a ghastly misadventure. It is surprising that it has not been thought proper to make them the

subject of a disciplinary hearing. The upshot is that no one high or low takes the rap for a bungled operation of almost fatal consequence which gave the public of London cause for alarm that the Chicago of their imagination had been brought to the streets of their city. No individual responsibility has been fixed, except what is implied by the permanent removal of those three detective constables from the roll of police officers authorized to carry guns.

It is more important that the right lessons should be learned from an incident of this kind than that the right people should be blamed. And the Metropolitan Police and Home Office are evidently seeking to profit from those lessons, especially as they affect selection and training of for elegibility to carry firearms. But it is not unimportant either that responsibility is fixed and borne when human endeavour goes so badly wrong.

present refer certain cases for a determination of criminal law, the sentence depends essentially on the facts and circumstances of each individual case. On what basis would one sentence be 100 lenient

be because other sentences for the same crime were more severe. If the more severe sentences are in fact imposed (in the absence of special factors) it is difficult to see what role the Court of Appeal might have for

It is the experience of those in practice that the best person to decide the right sentence is the trial judge who hears all the facts and the mitigating circumstances advanced by the accused. As these are never precisely the same sentences obviously and rightly vary from case to

At present the judge's decision is only overturned if he has erred in principle or his sentence is so manifestly excessive that in either instance the accused has suffered an injustice.

be upset by those with a passing, and often prurient, interest in the administration of justice. For these reasons the sooner the Government abandons its proposed legislation the bence. Yours sincerely. INIGO RING.

2 Pump Court,

Temple, EC4.

December 21.

Understanding attitude to charity

Political priority for Ireland From Lord Hylton

inspired violence in Ireland, which spills over into Britain, makes it clear that there is no purely security or military solution for the under-lying problems. As recent correspondents (November 14, December 20, etc) have pointed out, we need a political strategy as well as effective security. We must seek more than just the good working relationships between the London and Dublin governments mentioned in the Tory Manifesto of May, 1983.

Sir, The duration of politically

We should strive towards agree-ment between the two governments on medium-term aims. Now is the time, since both governments enjoy good majorities and every chance of remaining in office. In addition there is not only good will but also funds available through the EEC, in the wake of Mr N. J. Haagerup's helpful report to the European Parliament. An agreement between London and Dublin, supported by the EEC, would, I suggest, be able to call on practical backing from the

I hope British people everywhere will recognize that the Irish question was not solved in 1920 or 1922. It has remained outstanding to this day, imposing heavy burdens on Britain and disproportionately greater ones on the Irish Republic, That is why agreement between the two legitimate authorities is so important.

To achieve agreement will require some willingness to sacrifice traditional political teners and much higher political priority in Britain. Both are essential, for the problems will not go away. Yours faithfully, HYLTON,

House of Lords, December 21.

Test of closed shop

From Mr John Coleman Sir, I have an inbuilt dislike of the closed shop anywhere and lawchanging, rather than law-breaking, seems to me to be the essentially

British way of doing things.
Notwithstanding that, I think we have to remember that democracy is based on majority decision-making and not on the absolute sacredness of individual freedom. We all accept a tension between the desires of the individual and the needs of society. It seems to me that the closed shop situation should be allowed where the great majority of the workers in a firm genuinely desire it, and not allowed where there is not a strong or even overwhelming majority for

I think we pay due regard to individual freedom by not going against it until the majority is very

Buildings of beauty

From Mr J. H. Morley

I believe that if we are to avoid a lot of trouble arising from the Government's recent legislation in this field it is very important to define the circumstances in which the closed shop question can arise.

What I would not like to see is pressure from outside a firm being used to pressurise a majority into favouring a closed shop. But allowing it when there is a strong majority desire for it within the firm is probably the essentially British kind of compromise. Yours sincerely. JOHN COLEMAN.

The Nook, Hook Village Warsash, Nr Southampton, Hampshire December 15.

Eleanor statuary

From Mrs Beryl Bandy Sir, Dr Kahn suggests (December 12) that the statues on the Queen Eleanor crosses should be preserved in a museum and replicas placed on the crosses.

The cross at Geddington is, I consider, the most beautiful of the three, and to rob it of the original statues of the queen would desecration. As the cross stands in the heart of the village, near to the church and the site of the king's palace, it is a piece of visible history, while in a museum the statues would be, very likely, of faint interest to the people who strolled

To the people of Geddington Queen Eleanor is not a remote historical figure, but has been familiar through the centuries to generations of villagers, and the cross should be left intact on the spot where it was erected almost 700 YORKS END. Yours faithfully.

BERYL BANDY, Maple House, Geddington, Kettering. December 13.

Aims of Sandinismo

Sir, I write in reply to Sir Alfred Sherman's letter of December 12. The support for Contadora is a rejection that the crisis in Central America is an East-West conflict. Support comes from all corners of

We are not in the business of world - the EEC Stuttgart exporting revolutions; but coffee, meeting in June, non-aligned countries, the recent Buenos Aires cotton, sugar, beef and gold. But what cannot be avoided by the summit and the United Nations. What is happening in Central America would have happened

whether Cuba and the Soviet Union ment of Nicaragua and the San-dinists National Liberation Front had existed or not; it is precisely due to United States interference in proposed:

of arms to the forces at war in El Salvador. Let us recall that the Reagan Administration has for two and a half years failed to prove the allegations that Nicaragua was passing arms. On the other hand, the world knows that the Reagan

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations Sir, Your leading article, "Charitable giving and taking" (December 17), reveals a certain lack of understanding of the work of many voluntary organisations and their relationships with local authorities and central DOVETORICHE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yes, the voluntary sector has grown considerably. It encompasses not only many invaluable volunteers, whom you describe in a somewhat patronising manner, but also an increasing number of large and small voluntary organisations many of whom have paid staff.

Yes, government financing of voluntary organizations has grown. but that pattern began several years before the present Government took

The most significant increases are as a result of particular programmes where government has sought and paid for the services of voluntary organisations; for example the programme of investment in housing associations that followed the 1974 Housing Act, the Manpower Services Commission's programmes to provide training and relieve unemployment and the urban programme expanded after the inner-city riots of 1981. Ministers typically take an active

interest in these and other activities of voluntary organisations, and voluntary bodies are under obli-

gations, which they fulfil, to account to departments and other arms of government from which they receive

Your reference to the creation of Ta stage army of fully unionised and militant "volunteers" catering to the fashionable whims of sex and race" is, I suppose, a reference to a small minority of the projects funded by the Greater London Council. It will be resented by many voluntary organisations, especially those that have responded positively to involve black and other ethnic minorities in inner city areas as a

part of the urban programme.

The growth of local and central government funding for voluntary organisations has encouraged voluntary effort where it was previously lacking and hence removed the element of chance.

This is not to suggest that the voluntary sector should, or could, substitute for the statutory services. In this country we have taken strides towards a pluralist welfare society that is learning to make the most of a working partnership between paid and unpaid workers, between public and private money and between voluntary organisations and statutory agencies. Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS HINTON, Director, National Council for Voluntary Organisations, 26 Bedford Square, WC1, December 19.

Stronger role for BA

From the Chairman of British Airways

Sir, In his article of December 14, Kenneth Fleet reflected upon two important issues concerning British Airways - the "dominance of international routes and the shape of the balance sheet".

The fact is that British Airways' share of total international sched-uled take-offs and landings at Heathrow is about 37 per cent and of total international passengers at Heathrow about 41 per cent: a significant presence, but I think you will agree, hardly a dominating position.

As to the shape of the balance sheet, it should be understood that the £924m of borrowings have been loaned to us by commercial banks and are only guaranteed by the Government. They are not in any way loans from the Government using taxpayers' money. British Airways have made payments of interest and repayments of capital on their due dates from British Airways' own cash resources. The Government guarantees have never therefore been called at any time,

the future. It is our task as managers of the airline to seek to improve the

nor are they expected to be called in

performance and profitability of British Airways in the interests of our passengers, employees and shareholders, be they government or private institutions and investors. Our record speaks for itself and the nation has once again a "flag carrier" of which it can be increasingly proud it is neither our function, nor our intention, to dismember British Airways selling off valuable commercial

If Britain is to compete effectively with the intense international competition which exists in the airline industry, it is essential that British Airways remain strong and efficient Any diminution of the role of British Airways would inevitably be of at least as much advantage to foreign competitors as the indepen dent British operations and would not be in the nation's long-term Yours faithfully.

revision of his Nash book, could

designate the building "a felicitous materialisation of the careless.

humorous, audacious genius of its

architect." He omitted his former

changed! Perhaps 45 years hence his opinion of Battersea power station,

etc., will change. But let us hope that, during the interval, nobody

Sir, As a relatively new arrival in

this country may I ask what we, the ordinary people in the street, actually can/should do when coming

across a couple of 10-11-year-old

our heads discreetly, "minding our

own business", as was the case one

sunny Sunday kunchtime a few weeks ago along the Bayswater

Do we, by the hundreds, just avert

JOHN MORLEY, Director.

The Royal Pavilion, Borough of Brighton, Sussex,

So Sir John's opinion has

KING, Chairman, British Airways, Cleveland House St James's Square, SW1.

comments.

listens to him.

Yours faithfully

Glue sniffers

From Mrs Lena Jov

glue sniffers?

Yours faithfully,

LENA JOY.

December 17) that Sir John Summerson "despised" the Granada Cinema at Tooting. In 1935 he seems to have despised

less than he despised the Royal Pavilion at Brighton, for he ex-pressed the opinion, in his book on John Nash, published in 1935, that the Pavilion was "a curiosity which rouses only a vague, transient wonder in the visitor.

"Its ornaments are scarcely more extravagant than the roundabouts at Hampstead, which they closely resemble; for singularity of form it has long ago been surpassed by the Crystal Palace and the White City; and for richness it compares unfavourably with the Granada Cinema at Tooting."

That same year, 1935, was the year when powerful local voices were raised urging demolition of the Royal Pavilion; it was also the year when Sir Osbert Sitwell asked: "What other buildings exist in England, or, as for that, in Europe, to compare with it in individuality and exotic beauty?"

Fortunately, more people agreed with Sir Osbert than with Sir John. And by 1980 Sir John himself, in his

7 Giles House, 158 Westbourne Grove, W11.

From Mr H. Maclear Bate Sir, May I refer to your important article, "The Namibian pressure-point" (December 10). I believe you

Control of Namibia

have correctly stated the position when you say, "... the South Africans do not wish for a settlement".

With respect, I would remind the readers of The Times that South African forces captured the territory in a "Blitzkrieg" in World War I -forces headed by the Prime Minister of the time, General Louis Botha. The territory was mandated to the then Union of South Africa.

Since that time South Africa has invested multimillions of pounds in the development of mineral resources, extensions of railways, roads, educational facilities and so on. If South-West Africa (Namibia) were to fall under a black govern-ment controlled by the Communistbacked Swapo, as it would be, the republic would have yet another hostile neighbour on its western

flank. Collapse of the economy, the rule of law, would disappear overnight and the state of the tribes would deteriorate disastrously. I submit that these are circumstances which demand that South Africa remains

in complete control of the territory. It is not without good reason that the South African Government appointed one of its cleverest oreign Affairs officers to the post of Ambassador to Washington, Dr Beaverbrother G. Fourie, formerly Permanent Secretary and Ambassador at the UN, thus maintaining continuity in respect of the South-West Africa saga.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully, H. MACLEAR BATE, The Talette, Sticklepath, Okehampton, Devon.

Administration is passing arms to El Salvador.

At the September meeting of Contadora Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica, under,

pressure from the Reagan Adminis-tration, dragged their feet "so that Mr Reagan can take matters into his own hands".

working for peace, the Reagan Administration is building up task forces in Central America and invading nations in the area Yours sincerely. FRANCISCO d'ESCOTO. Ambassador. Embassy of Nicaragua. 8 Gloucester Road, SW7. December 14.

Accountability in the here and now

From the Bishop of Lincoln Sir, Ronald Butt (feature, December 22) quotes Bede's tale of the sparrow flying out of the dark into the lighted hall and out again into the night. Man's life, says the tale, is like that brief moment. The tale, writes Butt, "is a reminder that Christianity has always been principally about first and last things ... To-day, however, it is the things between, here and now, that are dominant in the teaching of Christian priests and

ministers." He forgets another tale, from St John, "Jesus... knowing that he was come from God, and went to God ... took a towel ... and began to wash the disciples' feet ... after ... he said unto them ... I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you."

If Christian ministers are concerned about the "here and now" it is because they have a good example, And Jesus's example was exactly because he came from God and went to God. Our origins and our destiny in God inevitably imply

a certain way of living, in between "here and now" - Jesus's way. You cannot divide time and eternity, as Ronald Butt seems to require. Jesus showed us not only what God is like, but also, in practical terms of loving service and social concern, what man can be

like, because he is God's child. It is not intellectually honest, and thereby not morally honest, for a late twentieth-century person to suggest that eternity is a Somewhere Else inhabited by a Someone Else, to which and to whom it is a Christian minister's task to direct the common gaze, at the expense of the common

ground of daily life. We have to seek for eternity within the "here and now", i.e., discern and perceive the deeper moral and spiritual significance of temporal and secular concerns and live for that. "... to apprehend the point of intersection of the timeless with time, is an occupation for the saint." What, after all, was the Cross

about? The current right-wing establishment finds this idea hard to bear. It raises such critical moral questions about some of its policies. Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's".

That is not a separation of Church and state. It is a combination of Church and state. The "and" means what it says. We have to take both seriously and together because Here and Now we are accountable. Yours sincerely SIMON LINCOLN:,

Bishop's House, asigate. Lincoln. December 23.

Drug smuggling

From Lord Harris of Greenwich Sir, The Home Secretary is right to warn the country of an alarming upsurge in the abuse of dangerous drugs (report, December 15). As Chairman of the Parole Board I became increasingly disturbed by evidence that sophisticated criminals had become involved with the importation of substantial quantities of heroin and cocaine.

The trade is expanding at a rapid rate. The Treasury informed me recently that seizures of heroin and cocaine by the Customs and Excise had risen from 61kg in the first 10 months of 1979 to 202kg in the same period this year, an increase of over 300 per cent.

In the circumstances it seems extraordinary that the Government has reduced the uniformed strength of the Customs and Excise, our first line of defence against drug smugglers. Since coming into office it has cut the staff by 900 officers, a reduction of 20 per cent. How many drug smugglers walk

through the green channels at Heathrow and Gatwick without being challenged, because of these reductions in staff?

Mr Brittan's warning of the extent of our drugs problem deserves to be taken seriously; not least by his colleague, the Chancellor of the HARRIS OF GREENWICH, House of Lords.

December 19. Peace in our time

From Mr M. M. Charlish Sir, Of the conflicts Mr Graham

Greene cites (December 17) the American war in Vietnam was a continuation of the French war in Vietnam. In Malaya, Kenya, Angola, Nigeria. Ethiopia were civil wars/insurrections where the nuclear deterrent was not in possession by either faction, and indeed their mention helps to fortify Mr Heseltine's

As for relative peace (a Humpty-Dumpty expression, surely) between 1918 and 1939, the following matches were played: Greece v Turkey, Italy v Ethiopia; Japan v Manchuria; Japan v China, inter-national games, not local Derbys. Yours faithfully, M. McEWAN CHARLISH,

132 Park Lane, Carshalton,

Surrey. December 19.

Upstairs, downstairs

From Mr David Griffiths Sir, Who says there's no integration between London's bus and Underground services?

On leaving a crowded Victoria Line tube at King's Cross this morning I heard the customary shout from the guard: "Move right down inside the cars". He then with an afterthought: There's plenty of room on top."! Yours faithfully, DAVID GRIFFITHS United Oxford & Cambridge Lipiversity Club, I Pall Mall SW1

Orthopaedic needs

From Dr D. J. Stoker and others Sir. The recent decision of the Bloomsbury Health Authority not to renew the lease of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital building in Great Portland Street symbolizes the culmination of years of neglect by the DHSS, which has managed to escape its obligation to provide the services needed by a national orthopaedic centre.

We have accepted the need for an orderly transfer of in-patient services to the Middlesex Hospital in 1987. This plan allows for 50 orthopaedic beds with two operating theatres on the same floor, thereby preserving a recognisable identity for the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital within that hospital.

Bloomsbury HA has, against medical advice, decided to transfer only: 44 orthopaedic beds to the Middlesex Hospital in 1984; such beds are located on two floors and the plan will prevent their organization as a coherent unit.
The in-patient facilities which cannot be accommodated at the

Middlesex Hospital are supposed to

be transferred to the larger branch of

the RNOH at Stanmore. There, the

already inadequate provision of

operating theatres will not be solved

by the installation of one extra Modular theatre. The RNOH has a national and international reputation in an expanding specialty. It trains more orthopaedic surgeons than any other entre in the United Kingdom. Until

now it has been in the van in advances in treatment, particularly in crippling disorders of childhood, biomedical engineering leading to joint replacement in the elderly and infirm, and limb-saving surgery in

the treatment of bone turnours. In the interest of patients the Great Portland Street site should continue to be occupied by our hospital until the permanent move can take place in 1987. The DHSS has undertaken to finance the final transfer, we believe that payment of the extension of the lease constitutes

a part of such a transfer. Yours faithfully. D. J. STOKER (Chairman), Medical D. J. STOKER (Chairman). Medical Staff Committee, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital.
H. B. S. KEMP (Deputy Chairman).
E. L. TRICKEY (Dean).
Institute of Orthopaedics,
234 Great Portland Street, W1.
December 20.

Too lenient?

From Mr Inigo Bing Sir, In the wake of criticism about sentencing the Prime Minister has promised legislation to permit sentences alleged to be too lenient to be referred to the Court of Appeal.

Referred by whom? It ought not to be the prosecution, whose only function is to present the facts on behalf of the Crown, not to argue for a particular sentence. Nor. logically, should it be the Attorney General. While the Attorney may at

when another was not?

Moreover if a sentence is per-ceived to be too lenient this can only theoretical referrals.

These sound principles should not

From the Nicaraguan Ambassador

Central American affairs. The historical record speaks for itself. The Popular Sandinista Revolution is neither Marxist-Leninist nor a one-party dictatorship. At long last we Nicaraguans have our own national ideology and identity:

Sandinismo. There are in Nicaragua

10 political parties. These parties are guaranteed by a law passed in August, 1983; the first time in the political history of Nicaragua. The electoral process is due to begin in February, 1984, to culminate with the national election in 1985. This was originally announced in August,

Nicaraguans is that our example be On July 19, 1983, the Govern-

A complete end to the provision

2. An end to all military support and the use of any territory for the launching of aggression against any government in the area, and A commitment to respect self-determination and non-interference in internal affairs.

The case is, while Contadora is

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen will hold investitures at

Princess Alice Duchess of Glou-

Hon Mrs Ogilvy, celebrate their birthdays on Christmas Day.

Force and attend the Cutlers' Feast

Princess Alexandra will be present:

at a reception at Guildhall to mark

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Athienitis, Tomswood

Hill, Hainault, Essex and Catherin

only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. Finlay, Dover Road, Wanstead.

The engagement is announced between Roger Booth, of Chapel

Farm House, Bildeston, Inswich,

Manor Corner, Reigate, Surrey,

Mr C. C. A. Coz and Miss E. S. A. M. Mackenzie

of Kensington Park Road, London.

Kathleen, youngest daughter of the late Mr D. J. O'Leary and Mrs Rose

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs

N. W. Granger, of Thorp Arch, Yorkshire, and Clare, eldest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Cooper, of

Mr P. R. Hall and Miss M. W. Burger de Frâmol

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and

Mrs R. G. Hall, of Bray-on-Thames. Berkshire, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs M Burger de Fremol, of

The engagement is announced between John Lamplugh, of 73 Canon Street, Winchester, Hamp-

shire, and Vivien Dobbin, of Forge House. Westbourne, Emsworth, Hampshire, widow of Alick Dobbin

and daughter of Colonel and Mrs E.

and Miss S. E. Wray
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Lieutenant-Colonel B. E. Liconce, RE, and Mrs.

Licence, of Shipston-upon-Stour, Worcestershire, and Susanna,

whiter of Cantain A. C. Witay RN, and Mrs Wray, of Tanglewood,

Stoke St Gregory, Somerset.

Mr J. H. Lampingh and Mrs Jl. A. Dobbin

Mr M. I. Licence

O'Leary, of Selsdon, Surrey.

Mr C. M. P. Granger

Shalford, Surrey.

and Miss C. D. Cooper

iffolk, and Rosalba Baroni, of

in Sheffield on March 21.

Forthcoming

Mr E. M. Astle and Miss A. J. Shackleford

marriages

Mr N. Athlonitis and Miss C. Finlay

Mr R. R. T. Booth

and Miss E. B. Baroni

31 and August 2.

Mr Justice Skinner to be Chairman of the Judicial Studies Board, in

succession to Mr Justice Webster, from January 1, 1984. Mr Justice Farquharson to be a member of the board from the same date.

the 21st anniversary of the Furniture Makers' Company on March 29.

Princess Alexandra will be present at the Royal Air Force anniversary concert at the Festival Hall on March 30. The Lebanese Maronite Com-

Buckingham Palace on February 14, 21 and 28, March 6, 13 and 20, July munity in London announces the celebration of a Christmas Mass by cester and Princess Alexandra, the Father Antoine Sleiman tomorrow at !! am in St Edward's Convent Chapel !! Harewood Avenue London, NW1 (nearest tube station The Duke of Kent will visit Davy Marylebone). Everyone is welcome McKee Ltd. the Combined Cadet to onend.

> Mr Graham Matthews wishes his friends at home and abroad a very merry Christmas and happy New

Mr T. R Lowry and Miss R. M. Bennett

The engagement is announced between Timothy Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Lowry, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Rosanne, daughter of Mr Patrick Bennett, QC, The engagement is announced between Edward Morrison, younger son of the late Mrs M. Astle and of Mr R. Astle, of Worsley, Manchester, and Amanda Jane, elder daughter of The Rev T. O. Mendel and Mrs Bennett, of Kensington

Mr and Mrs P. J. Shackleford, of and Miles F. When

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr T. O. Mendel and the late Mrs Mendel, of Andover Hampshire and Figna daughter of Mr and Mrs D. I. Wise. of Barton, Cambridgeshire,

The engagement is announce John Murray and of Mrs J. C. N. Murray, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Spooner, of Shillingstone, Dorset,

Mr J. H. E. Pearson and Mim J. M. Humber

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The engagement is announced Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Elizabeth Thomas, of Trefriw, Gwynedd.

and Miss K. J. O'Leary
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between Jonathan, son of Mr and
Mrs P. J. Daly, of Bath, Avon, and Mr P. A. Sturridge and Miss S. A. Miles

The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Dr J. Sturridge, of Regent's Park, London, and Mrs M. Bowman-Yaughan, of Barbam, Suffolk, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. V. Miles, of Aldringham, Suffolk. Mr M. Williams

and Miss K. A. Rosamona

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Austin Williams, of Croydon, Surrey, and Karen Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Rosamond, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr A. I. J. Wyatt and Miss A. F. Parket

The engagement is announced between Alaric, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. V. Wyatt, of Charlbury, Oxfordahire, and Angela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. L. Parker, the British Embassy, Stockholm.

Marriage

Mr R. D. Swan and Buress Sharples

The marriage has taken place between Mr Robert Douglas Swan Nunswell, Higher Coombe, Shaftes-bury, Dorset, SP7 9LR.

67; Sir Noel Bowater, 91; Mr Andrew Cruickshank, 76; Mile Francoise Durr, 41; Lord Energiyn, 71; Mr Kenny Everett, 39; Lord

Grade, 77; Sir Peter Matthews, 66:

Mr Ismail Merchant, 47; Sir Charles

Mr Ismail Merchant, 47; Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe, 72; Professor Noel Odell, 93; Sir Geoffrey Organe, 75; Mr Nigel Starmer-Smith, 39. BOXING DAY: Mr Patric Dickin-son, 69; Mr Alastair Dunnett, 75; Miss Irene Handl, 81; Professor Thea King, 58; Miss Jane Lapotaire, 39; Mr T. K. Lyke, 80; Mr Detinis Quilley, 56; Sir Mark Tennant, 72.

TODAY: Sir Dennis Allen, 73; Mr TODAY: Sir Dennis Allen, 73; Mr Colin Cowdrey, 51; Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, 77; Mr Nicholas Fairbaira of Fordell, QC, MP, 50; Mr E. Fernyhough, 75; Sir Stafford Foster-Sunton, QC, 85; Dame Joan Kelleher, 68; Miss Thea Porter, 56; Miss Noel Streatfelld, 88; Mr J. D. Taylor, MP, 46; Sir Kenneth Thompson, 74; Viscount Thurso, 61; Mr P; S. Zlegter, 54. CHRISTMAS DAY: Lord Annan, 67; Sir Noel Bowater, 91; Mr

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Latest wills

Mrs Evelyn WOODHOUSE, of Burghwallis, Doncaster, South Yorks, formerly of Hexthorpe, left estate valued at £1,098,955 net. Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Bowkett, Mr Albert Harold of Margate 5284,412
Ferrier, Mr Henry Paul of Farnham Surrey £283,647 Stoate, Mr Richard Walter Storie, Mr Richard Gloucestershire of Leckhampton, Gloucestershire £247,356

Science report

Church news

Rich harvest from an isolated plateau

By Tony Samstag

Many of the scientists cur- first heart transplant operployed by Sandoz, the inter-national pharmaceuticals corporation based in Switzerland. are under standing instruc-tions to take soil samples whenever they travel abroad on the principle that "with a bit of luck, a handful of soil or sludge that the layman would dismiss as merely so much dirt research workers, turn into 2 priceless treasure."

The microbiologists struck. gold most spectacularly with a sample from the Hardanger Vidda, a high treeless plateau in southern Norway, from which was isolated a fungus that has proved invaluable in organ transplants and other clinical conditions requiring an immunosuppressive agent.

transfusions last year. Most reversible". recently, ciclosporin (trade Its creators and manufacname: Sandimmun) was ad-ministered in Scandinavia's new wave of heart transplan-

ation, in Olso. Writing in the company's

house magazine, Dr Erik Wiskott describes the new drug as "the prototype of a new generation of immuno-suppressive agents" and most especially the first to act selectively on immunocompo tent lymphocytes, those white blood cells that eliminate or reject substances foreign to the body. .

Because ciclosporin does not act on the phagocytes, the bacteria-devouring cells, its use does not weaken the body's immune response to bacterial or fungal infection, the main drawback of traditional immunosuppressives. The agent, moreover, attacks the lymphocytes in the early phases of cell The sample was first islo-lated in 1970; its active agent gens, unlike conventional was synthesized 10 years later, agents, which destroy the cells was synthesized 10 years later, agents, which destroy the cells and the product registered in utterly in later stages; "the Switzerland for bone-marrow inhibiting effect is therfore

tations set in all over the world" once the efficacy of the product had been established in clinical trials at Stanford, California, two years ago.
"The Stanford team drew so much encouragement that they also renewed performing combined transplantations of heart and lungs.

Production of ciclosporin is still quite slow (the initial fermentation process alone takes 14 days) and costly; but the company looks to the history of penicillin, which was almost priceless when devel-oped in the 1940s and now sells in bulk for 50 Swiss francs per kilo.

The Nowegian Society for the Conservation of Nature has not been slow to exploit the "magic mushroom" for its own ends. "If the lowly Tolypocladium inflatum from the Hardanger Vidda can produce a wonder drug", the produce a wonder drug", the society argues, "what other miracles might men discover if they studied wildflife before destroying it?"

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Third century reflections on the birth of Christ

The short and colourful stories gathered around the record of difficulties involved in making where "salvation" is to be Christ's birth in the stable at an infinite God responsible for Bethlehem bear about them the creation in time and for character of impressionist interventions in history, and painting: they offer witness to both regarded as providentially the deep impact which Christ helpful the idea that the Word, made on his followers and to or thought or wisdom, proceeds from the unknowable Father mysterious traits in his person-- and acts as his personal agent in ality which seemed to elude any the work of ordering the world down-to-earth interpretation. and illuminating the heart of But the new-found faith

demanded more than pic muan. Greek philosophers as far turesque charm for its support. back as Anaxagoras in the fifth century BC had maintained that Something was needed by way of a philosophy which should set the Christmas message "mind came and set all things firmly within the framework of in their place", thus anticipating the author of the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, who held that wisdom was God's "master workman" when the foun-St Paul had done precisely this, within 30 years of Christ's ministry, by explaining, in his letters to the Galatians and the dations of the earth were being marked out the active principle Philipians, that the gradual unveiling of truth which, under of Godhead pulsing about the God's benevolent purpose, constitutes man's education, world and co-operating in such perfect harmony with the Transcendent Deity as to be

contemporary enlightenment.

could not stop short of a full

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Such is the theme drawn out.

in the fuller commentary

offered by those Christian,

thinkers whose fortune it was to

breathe the atmosphere of the

University of Alexandria,

famed for its eager search after

Of these third-century scho-

lars two were preeminent; Clement, polished and at bome

in any company, and Origen,

lous to the point of fanaticism.

Oxford University is to confer

honorary degrees on the following at the Encacnia on June 27.

DCL: Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, OM, founder of the

Cheshire Foundation Homes. DLitt: Professor Alexander Gieys-ztor, professor of medieval history

at Warsaw University and president of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

and Mr Philip Larkin, poet and novelist. DSc Professor Sir Edward Abraham, FRS, emeritus professor of chemical pathology at Oxford University, and Professor Friedrich

Hirzebruch, professor of mathematics at Bonn University, and director of the Max Planck Institute for

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truth and its wide-ranging

sympathies,

"daily his delight". Clement develops such ideas by assuming that the principle "God is love" underlines the course of history. The Word, he explains, has always been in the world as instructor, speaking with the voice of conscience or in the power of beauty, offering revelation through Moses and Plate and many another until the moment was judged appropriate for the immortal to put on mortality and reveal his nature openly when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judaea.

"God pitied us from of old". remarks Clement, "but now He on a basis of clear knowledge.

It is in line with this type of Christian doctrine that the earliest carved stone coffins discovered in and around the Roman catacombs show a

market preference for displaying Christ as the teacher of mankind, now bearded and venerable, now in the graceful charm of permanent youth, but ever with the scroll of authority in his hand, instructing his disciples where to find truth amid the mazes of folly and disnutation. Origen argues in precisely the

same manner as Clement that revelation consists of a gradual progress controlled by the divine Word who sums up all hints and imperfect discoveries in an incarnation, a disclosure of so radical and decisive a nature that, after it, things can never be quite the same again. The whole matter, as Origen

explains it, may be compared with the steps leading up to the holy of holies in the Temple: the ascent is a gradual one until finally God is known in himself, Origen offers a number of sermons on the Christmas theme. One of them starts from St John's observation that "God is light and in Him is no

darkness at all". Origen de-velops this thought in character-istic fashion: the radiance of this light is the Son who proceeds from the Father

without separation (as does

radiance from any light) and illumines the whole creation. By the help of this radiance men understand and experience

what the Light is.

A simpler illustration is suggestion by St Paul's claim that Christ is the "representation of the being of God". Origen says: "Let us imagine a statue of such a size as to fill the entire world and so vast that no one could contemplate it.

"Then let us imagine that another statue was made. identical with the first as regards shape of the limbs. features and the whole outward appearance but diminutive in size. The purpose of this miniature would be that those who could not properly grasp the nature of the enormous statue would look at the tiny copy and assert that, the copy being an exact likeness, they had gathered from it the essential character of the orig-

Origen is here crystalizing the third-century argument that. after due preparation in the works of nature and in the heart of man, God is obliged to cut himself down to recognizable size and speak to his people in language which the simplest of them can hardly fail to grasp or the fine wit of any philosopher think inadequate as a theme for

Robert Milburn formerly Dean of Worcester and Master of the Temple

IOBITUARY DR RONALD POPPERWELL Scandinavian studies in Britain

cause of Scandinavian studies 1962 an active member of the in the United Kingdom.

Loughton, Essex, he left school at 16 and worked in an of enquiry into Scandinavian insurance office until 1940, but Studies 1976-78. kept up his French and his music - it had been his first ambition to be a professional violinist and he became ARCM

in 1936. In 1940 he volunteered for the Intelligence Corps in the hope of putting his linguistic talent to use, and then spent four years in Shetland, at the terminus of the famour "bus service" that was to be the staple of his later career. Shetland remained a lifelong enthusiasm, and to his last years he returned there to play in oratorios presented in Lerwick at Christmas time.

In 1946 he went to King's College, Cambridge, to read Norwegian and French. He took his PhD in 1951, with a dissertation on the Norwegian poet and novelist, Kristofer Uppdal. Cambridge was his home thereafter. University Lecturer in Norwegian 1953, Fellow of Clare Hall 1965, Head of the Department of Scandinavian Studies 1979.

He was Visiting Professor at Wisconsin 1965-66, and he received many invitations to Norwegian universities. He also had close relations with University College London, where he was W. P. Ker Lecturer 1951-52 and Special Lecturer in Norwegian 1977-81.

A supporter of the cause of

Dr Ronald Popperwell, who, comparatively isolated British died in Cambridge on Decem-scholars in the field. He was 2 ber 22. was Head of the founder member of the Inter-Department of Scandinavian hational Association of Scandi-Studies at Cambridge, and an navian Studies and its British indefatigable supporter of the secretary from its inception in Modern Humanities Research Born and brought up on Association; and chairman of the inter-university committee

> ... in Cambridge he was an energetic and conscientious chairman of the Faculty Board 1968-72 and 1974, and Director of the Literary and Linguistic Computer Centre from 1971 until his retirement. When the "Mixed Commission" under the British-Norwegian Cultural Convention was formed in 1974, his membership was a foregone conclusion.

· As a scholar he was by no means hidebound or timid in his choice of subject and method. His published work ranged from a book, The Pronunciation of Norwegian (1963) to translations of major novels by Dunn and Falkberget. A bold and interesting characterisation of Norway past and present appeared in Benn's "Nations" series in 1972.

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A unique work of permanent value is the rich Norsk litteraturantologi (1976), composed of texts, commentary and cassette recordings, which he prepared with Torbjorn Stoverud from materials made available by the Norwegian State Radio. But his most substantial contribution to Norwegian literary studies was his critical work on Knut Hamsun, a book to which he devoted many years of his academic life and which he had virtually finished at his death.

During the early 1970s.

revivals: notably, Reunion in Vienna, Dandy Dick and Wat-

portrayal, early this year, was one of his finest: Mazzini Dunn

in a pre-London run of Heart-

top of his form included High Treason (a spy in the Civil Service) and Victim (the hair-

dresser) and most recently The

Mirror Cracked (another sus-

them, Simon and Laura, The

Two of his strongest television

performances were as Arch-

deacon Daubenny in A Woman

of No Importance and as the

Films in which he was at the

break House.

Scandinavian Studies (and in King Olav V appointed bim Cambridge of "minority" sub- Knight First Class of the Royal iects in general), he worked hard 'Norwegian Order of St Olav in to spread the connections of the 1975.

MR CHARLES LLOYD PACK

Charles Lloyd Pack, the tion of School for Scandul at the character actor, died on Decem-Haymarket in 1962, ber 22, aged 81. His name, During the ear whilst seldom at the top of the already in his eighth decade, he bill, was one of the most enjoyed a long St Martin's respected in his profession; and summer in lavishly staged, meticulously directed West End his face and persona were as readily identifiable to the public as those of many actors whose names are more immediately ers of the Moon. His final

Born in east London on-October 10, 1902, his career spanned sixty years on the stage, in the cinema and on television.

His forte was for historical parts and for comic and character performances - his beady-eyed judge the dotty vicar, his slightly sinister don. pect vicar).

Among his West End perform. He was also seen frequently ances for which he will be best on television serials: armeng remembered were those in The-Kingmaker at his St James's, Caesars and an early proshortly after the war (he was a duction of Barchester Towers. superb Henry VI) and as both Inquisitor and Dauphin in productions of Shaw's St Joan at about the same time. of No Importance and as the He was Scrub in his 1949 oily Rorland in Pillars of

production of The Beaux' Society. Stratagem at the Phoenix, For 40 years he was sustained farther in Six Characters in Austrian-born wife. Uli, who Search of an Author (1950 at the Embassy); Dr Protheroe in The Happy Marriage and, typically, Glowry, the disillusioned widower in Nightmare Abbey: as a manager — gave him the state of the stage — Roger as an actor Christopher as a manager — gave him the stage In Gielgud's splendid produc- pleasure and pride.

PROF WALTHER ZIMMERLI

Professor Walther Theodor or ancillary to the commentary. Zimmerli, who died at Ober- notably Ezechiel: Gestalt und diessbach in Switzerland on Botschaft (1972). December 4 at the age of 76, was one of the most dis-tinguished Old Testament scholars of the post-war period, as well as a prolific writer, an teacher, and a influential respected university administrator.

Zimmerli was born on January 20, 1907, at Schiers, in Canton Graubunden, where his father was a pastor. From the Gymnasium at Scheris he proceeded to the universities of Zurich, Berlin and Göttingen. He was Assistent in Old Testament at Gottingen until 1933.

He spent some years as Professor at Zurich until 1951, when Göttingen appointed him to the Chair of Old Testament, which he held until his retirement in 1977. From 1964 to 1966 he was Rector of the

university.

Zimmerli's greatest contribution to Old Testament scholarship was in the interpret-ation of the book of Ezekiel. His massive two-volume commen-tary in the Biblischer Kommentar series is unequalled by any other modern study of Ezekiel in depth of erudition, acuteness of critical anlysis, and perceptive theological interpretation. the British Academy awarded Zimmerli also published a him the Burkitt Medal for number of studies preparatory Biblical Studies.

A number of his shorter and less technical books appeared in English translations: The Law

and the Prophets (1965): Man and His Hope in the Old Testament (1968): The Old Testament and the World (1976). So did his Grundriss der alttestamentlichen Theologie (1972), the second edition of which was translated as Old Testament Theology in Outline (1978).In addition to his Ezechiel,

Zimmerli produced two simpler

and less substantial commentaries: one on Ecclesiastes (which reflects his work on Israelite Wisdom) in the series, Das Alte Testament Deutsch, and two volumes on Genesis !-25, intended for use by the laity, but rich in theological content. Zimmerli presided over the

Ninth Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament at Göttingen in 1977. He held honorary doctorates from Zurich, Edinburgh and Strasbourg, and was an honorary member of the American Society of Biblical Literature and of the British Society for Old Testament Study. In 1972

COLONEL R. A. ALEC-SMITH

Colonel Rupert Alexander the Georgian Society for East was Lord Lieutenant of Hum-berside from 1980 to 1983, and had been active for many years in Kingston upon Hull. He was Lord Mayor 1970-71 and became chairman of the Hull He was Reach in 1965 Bench in 1965.

part in the preservation of Georgian buildings. He founded 1979.

He was elected a Fellow of the

Harry Miller, a South African practically all the leading young double bassist who was a familiar figure in the British modern jazz scene of the 1970s, died in Holland on December 16, after a road accident. He

Miller played in jazz and rock groups in Johannesburg before emigrating to England in the grated to Holland, where he late 1970s he emigrated to Holland, where he late 1970s he emigrated to Holland, where he late 1970s he emigrated to Holland, where he late 1960s. During the succeeding years, he performed with modern jazz musicians.

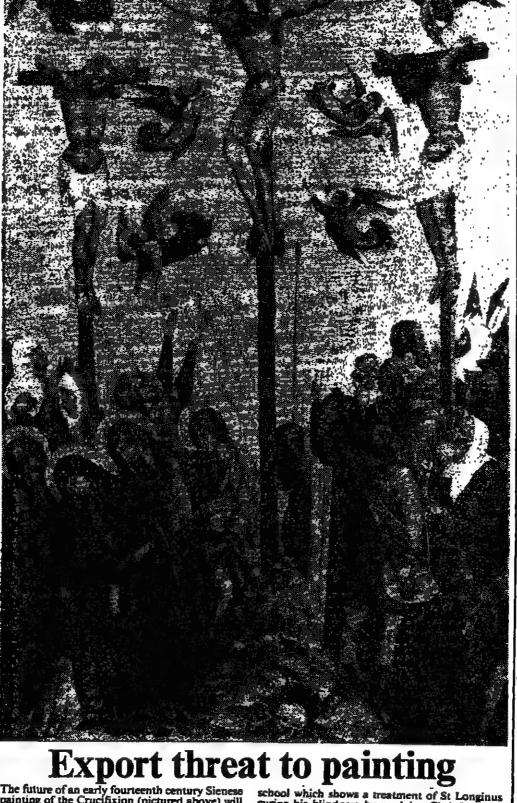
Alec-Smith, who died on Yorkshire in 1937, serving for December 23 at the age of 70, was Lord Lieutenant of Humberside from 1989 to 1989 and 1989 to 1 years he was editor of the Georgian Society's Trans-

Society of Antiquaries in 1977, He also played a considerable and was awarded an honorary DLitt by Hull University in

HARRY MILLER

British jazz musicians. He appeared with Mike Westbrook, Stan Tracey, Keith Tippett, John Surman, Alan Skidmore, Mike Osborne and his fellow South African, Chris-

collaborated with leading Dutch



The future of an early fourteenth century Sienese painting of the Crucifixion (pictured above) will depend on seven months of fund-raising activities by groups determined to keep the piece in Britain (David Hewson writes). There was little optimism in arts circles last

night that there would be sufficient public support to raise the necessary £1,798,000 while an export licence is withheld.

Christmas

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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Family Service with Communion and Carols 11, Rev M. Beech. (The Church will remain open an day).

services

The painting was at one time attributed to

There is speculation in the art world that the painting may be bought for an American The painting has been in Britain since at least 1854 when it was bought by the Rev Walter Davenport Bromley. It was purchased in 1863 by Lord Lindsay, later the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, and remained in his family until it

Duccio, though latterly there has been doubt cast on its authorship. It is described officially as an early fourteenth century painting of the Sienese

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Likeable musical-comedy version of Mark Twain's story of the handyman who falls from his horse and finds himself transported back to sixth-century Camelot. Bing Crashy class in century Camelot. Bing Crosby plays him and sings "Busy Doin' Nothin" "in an unlikely trio which also includes William Bendix and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

THE MAGIC OF LASSIE (1978)

2.30-4.10pm After a long break the famous colle returns to the cinema; and the same can be said for Alice Faye, making a cameo appearance as a watress. There is also James Stewart and Mickey Rooney and a musical score by the Mary Poppins

FLASH GORDON (1980) @ @

Lively, funny and spectacular re-birth of Alex Raymond's comic-strip hero (Sam Jones), making a perilous rocket flight to Mongo in the company of Dale Arden (Melody Anderson) and the scientist Dr Zarkov (Topol) to defeat the dastardly Emperor Ming (Max von Sydow).*

BBC2

SCROOGE (1951) • •

1.05-2.30pm One of Alastair Sim's most delicious screen performances as the miserly Ebenezar with strong support from a distinguished band of British character actors, including Michael Hordem (as Jacob Marley), Mervyn Johns (Bob Cratchit), Kathleen Harrison, Jack Warner and Hermlone Baddeley. THAT TOUCH OF MINK (1982)

1.25-5pm The BBC continues its eightleth-birthday The BBC continues its eightletr-birthday tribute to Cary Grant with this plush comedy of the sexes in which he plays a bachelor millionalre in pursuit of virginal secretary Dorls Day. The jokes and the outcome are fairly predictable but Grant's polished playing is a joy.

TO CATCH A THIEF (1955) ● Cary Grant again, as the jewel thief trying to live down his past on the French Riviera in company with Grace Kelly. Lightweight comedy thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock as a way of re-charging his batteries for more testing assignments.

JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS (1963) 2.30-4.25pm Todd Armstrong plays Jason, in search of the Golden Fleecs and encountaring all sorts of hazards - including a seven-headed hydra - on the way; but the real star is that king of special effects Ray

MAJOR BARBARA (1941) • •

2.05 4.35mm Faithful adaptation of the Shaw play about the arms manufacturer's daughter who joins the Salvation Army; it was directed by Gabriel Pascal, the eccentric Hungarian who managed to talk Shaw into making his work available for the cinema. Wendy Hiller is a fine Barbara and there are also relishable performances from Rex Harrison, Robert Morley, Robert Newton and Emiyn Williams.

STORMY WEATHER (1943) • •

7-8.30pm Lively all-black musical revue loosely based on the life of its leading man, that marvellously talented tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Also involved are Lena Home, Fats Waller, Cab Calloway and the planist from Casablanca, Dooley Wilson.

SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS (1964)

The seasonal offering from the Channel 4 "Worst of Hollywood" season in which Martium leader lands on earth and kidnaps Santa and two children, one of whom is played by the nine-year-old Pla Zadora, currently trying to be a sex bomb in The Lonely Lady."

CHRISTMAS DAY ==

BBC1

THE LITTLE CONVICTS (1979) 11.20am-12.35pm A mixture of real backgrounds and animation as Rolf Harris, playing Jake the Peg with the Extra Leg, tells the story of the convicts who settled and built Australia in the nineteenth century.

TREASURE ISLAND (1950) •

3.50-5.25pm Though made by Disney with an American, Bobby Driscoll, as Jim Hawkins, this is a respectful version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic yarn of pirates and buried treasure. dominated by Robert Newton's marvellously overplayed Long John

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER (1983) 10.15-11.45pm

The first showing in Britain of David Niven's last film in which he and Art Carney are trying to get their hands on a fortune inherited by the granddaughter of the woman they both loved. With R & ALECON Maggle Smith and Lionel Jeffries; the writer-director, a rare visitor to the cinema these days, is Bryan Forbes.*

BBC2

MEET ME IN ST LOUIS (1944)

4.25-6.15pm Judy Garland season starts on BBC2 with one of her best musicals, indeed one of the best musicals made by anyone, an affectionate evocation of turn-of-the century America, warmly directed by Vincente Minnelli. The numbers include "The boy next door". "Have yourself a merry little Christmas" and the "Trolley song".

DUCK SOUP (1933) ● ● ●

11pm-12.10am Of all the Marx Brothers films, this is one Or all the warx profiters filling, this is on that offers the purest concentration of gags, without the distraction of pianos and harps and romantic interludes. Freedonia gets a taste of Marxist rule as Fufus T. Firefty (alias Groucho) wages war on Sylvania, for whom Chico and Harpo are working as double agents.

SUPERMAN (1978)

3.15-5.40pm Pretentious, heavy-handed and overlong version of what should have been an enjoyable comic strip, notable more for Marion Brando's salary (\$3m for a 10-minute performance) than anything that appears on the screen. A pity for Christopher Reeve, a personable leading man who deserves

REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER (1978) 9.10-11pm

Last and feeblest of the true Pink Panther films, a perfect example of a good idea worked to exhaustion, But Peter Sellers, as the accident-prone Clouseau, still has his moments."

Channel 4

THE GANG'S ALL HERE (1943) ● ●

1.15-3.10pm Even by his standards, one of the most flamboyant of Busby Berkeley musicals with two particularly memorable numbers: Carmen Miranda singing "The Lady with the Tutti-Frutti Hat" supported by 60 girls; and the finale, involving two huge mirrors on either side of a revolving stage. With Alice Faye, Benny Goodman and his Orchestra and

MONSIEUR HULOT'S HOLIDAY (1953)

4.25-6pm • • The first, probably most effective and certainly furniest appearance of Jacques Tati's amiable, simple-minded creation who never really comes to terms with the twentieth century and leaves chaos in his wake. His holiday is in a small sesside resort in Brittany, observed with all Tati's genius for comic

THE KING OF COMEDY (1982) ● ●

8.25-10.25om A quick television showing for Martin Scorsese's dark and obsessional (played by Robert de Niro) who is so desperate to appear on a television that show that he arranges the kidnapping of the show's host, Jerry Lewis. Scoresse save it is an examination of American

BOXING DAY

BBC1

THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI (1957) 🐼 🗭

Alec Guinness leading the Brits in a psychological battle of wits against the Japanese in a prisoner of war camp in Burma. Directed with characteristic craftsmanlike care by David Lean but arguments still go on about the precise meaning of the film's climax.

ROCKY (1976) • • 7.50-9.45pm Sequels in the cinema are rarely as good as the originals and the Rockys have been no exception. This first one, though, freshens up the hackneyed story of the boxer who makes good with a vibrant performance from Sylvester Stallone (who also wrote the script) and convincing Philadelphian locations."

BBC2

MAME (1974)

5.25-7.15om Indifferent version of a successful Broadway musical, with Lucille Bail unhappily cast as the eccentric aunt and being easily upstaged by Beatrice

THE IPCRESS FILE (1965) & 10.25pm-12.15am The first and best of the three adaptations from Len Deighton's spy thrillers featuring Michael Caine as the shabby, bespectacled James Bond antidote who was not named in the books but arrived on the screen as Harry Palmer. This one has him on the track of a missing scientist. Sidney J. Furie directs, ostentatiously.

ITV

THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (1977) 5.30-8.45pm

Roger Moore as 007 and Barbara Bach as the cheesecake in an undistinguished addition to the James Bond cycle which bears little relation to lan Fleming's book and relies on tired set pieces to cover up the cracks. The outsize Richard Klet, however, makes a splendid heavy.







Getting an airing: Margaret O'Brien (left) and Judy Garland in Meet Me in St Louis; Jacques Tati as the accidentprone Monsieur Hulot, Sylvester Stallone as Rocky

From rarely seen to evergreen

There is no doubt about the quantity, Feature films will be coming out of the box at the rate of 10 a day over the Christmas week and it will need several pairs of eyes, several sets and a battery of video recorders to keep up with

As for the quality, with so much to choose from it is hard to believe that even the most casual film watcher will not find something to taste, helped, we may hope, by our day-

by-day, channel-by-chan-nel critical guide.

The films roughly fall into three calegories. There are the fairly recent releases, most of them coming to television for the first time. Some are very recent, such as Scorsese's The King of Comedy, which only appeared in the

ing include Superman, Revenge of the Pink Panther, The Spy Who Loved Me, The China Syndrome, The Dogs of War, Rocky, Carrie. Flash Gordon, Oh

braces films of proven popularity that tend to be revived fairly regularly over holiday periods. The Great Escape is the archetypal example and others this year are The Bridge on the River Quai and El Cid. What we do not have, for better or worse, are The Sound of Music, The Railway Children or The Wizard of Oz.

be called classic revivals, octogenarians, Dame Anna film is being shown on films of generally older Neagle, is being fêted on British television for the vintage, many familiar but Channel 4. There is a first time.

others long forgotten ex- fairly full Marx Brothers

How many people, for instance, will have seen the Mr Moto series with Peter Lorre, which Channel 4 "Bojangles" Robinson and company in Stormy which sta Weather? Or even some of Jacques T. the Judy Garland films Channel 4.

eightieth birthday next month, continues with three of his Hitchcocks,

cept by that devoted band retrospective on BBC2, of cinema buffs who but, brilliant though they manage to catch up with are, the films must be them at an art house or a pretty familiar to most of es by now,

What the week notably lacks is a sizable contribution from the rich cinema of the Continent. has unearthed? Or Bill The glorious exception is Monsieur Hulot's Holiday, which starts a short Jacques Tati season on

Several film "seasons" (totally subjective, but we hope of value) is as follows:
week. The Cary Grant tribute, anticipating

Worth watching An asterisk at the end of while another of 1984's an entry indicates that the

> Rooney, his first starring part, in a pleasing adaptation of the Mark Twain story, with the Sacramento River standing in for the Mississippi. Nice performances, too, from Walter Connolly as "The King" and William Frawley as "The Duke"

SPRING IN PARK LANE (1948) .

5-6.45pm A short tribute to Dame Anna Nesgle starts with one of her most successful vehicles, taken from the series of romantic comedies with Michael Wilding which made such an impact in austerity
Britain. She plays the nicce of a wealthy
art collector falling for the new footman
at her uncle's lavish spartment. Herbert Wiloox, Dame Anna's husband, directs. MR MOTO'S GAMBLE (1938) .

11,20pm-12,35am The first of three Mr Moto adventures being screened on Channel 4, featuring

Peter Lorre, with steel-rimmed glasses and buck teeth, as the cunning Japaness detective created by John P. Marquand. They pretended to be no more than second features but were well above par for their type."

WEDNESDAY

BBC1

DODGE CITY (1939) •

that goes on too long but has its moments. Directed by Henry Hathaway 1.50-3.30pm Errol Flynn as a cattleman cleaning up the frontier town in an enjoyable Wa Brothers western which makes tresh use of amiliar ingredients such as the cattle drive along the Chisholm Trail and the bar-room brawl. Olivia de Havilland and Ann Sheridan in support; the Accident at a nuclear power plant investigated by TV reporter Jane Fonds, radical cameraman Michael Douglas director is Michael (Casablanca) Curtiz. THE GREAT ESCAPE (1963) 6

6-8.45pm John Sturges's prison-camp epic with the sombre climax can still grip, even if we have seen it several times on

television already. Leading the POWs are Steve McQueen (and his famous motorcycle sequence), James Garnet and Dickle Attenborough, with a particularly effective performance from Donald Pleasence as the camp forger.

BBC2

PRESENTING LILY MARS (1943) .

1.40-3.20pm Judy Garland season continues with the story about the small-town girl who makes it on Broadway. But if the plot has serviced a score of musicals there is still much to enjoy, from the freshness of the young Judy to expertly staged

PUNERAL IN BERLIN (1907)
9-30-11.10pm
Another excursion into Len Deighten
territory as Michael Caine is sent to
Berlin to seek out a potential Russian
defector, played in larger-than-life style
by Oscar Homolka. Competently done
but it needs a genius to unravel the plot.

MORSE FEATHERS (1932) • • • 11.15pm-12.25am Early Marx Brothers comedy and one of

their best in which the gags came fast and furious and even the musical bits earn their keep. The plot – as if it mattered – has Groucho as the president of a college signing up some dubious recruits for the football team that must win at all costs.

THE THIEF OF BAGDAD (1978)

Terence Stamp as the villainous Wezir and Roddy McDowall as Hasan.

Efficiently directed by Clive

CARRIE (1976) ● 10.15pm-12.10am 10.13pm-12.1uam Gory piece of horror from Brian de Palma, one of the best current exponents of the genre. Sissy Spacek plays the repressed high school girl whose supernormal powers help her to exact a terrible revenge on those who taunt her; and Piper Laurie is superb as the religion-crazy mother."

Channel 4

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

(1949) ● 3-4.45pm

Munshin.

VICTORIA THE GREAT (1937) ...

Vith Prince Albert much in the public eye at the moment this revival is well timed, though the film is notable not so much for Anton Walbrook's portrayal of the Consort as Anna Neagle in her most famous screen role (which she repeated in two more films) as the Queen. An imperious performance helped by fine

Second in the Mr Moto season (though the first to be made) has Peter Lorre's Japanese detective getting to grips with a gang of amugglers on board a freighter salling from San Francisco to Shangai."

THURSDAY

BROTHER OF THE WIND 1975
2.05-3.30pm
Wildlife film, set in the Canadian
Rockies, starring Dick Robinson (who also directs) as an animal handler who rescues the orphaned pups after the r wolf is shot dead from a passing

COMA (1977) . a young doctor (Genevieve Bulold) whose investigation into a series of terminal comas reveals an international medical conspiracy. It has received much critical attention of late, not least from the feminist camp; the Bujold

BBC2

theatrical family trying (yes, you have guessed) to put on a Broadway show Thanks to their servants - Played by the unlikely pair of Allan Jones and Fanny Brice - they manage it. Ideal for filling a checrless December afternoon."

THE GYPSY MOTHS (1969)

7 1 15pm Burt Lancaster leads a team of sky divers and falls in love with Deborah Kerr In a film that contains solendid terial sequences, intelligently handled human relationships and the carefully observed setting of a small Kansas

town. One of the better efforts of its talented but uneven director John

A NIGHT IN CASABLANCA (1946) • • 10.50pm-12.15am
The penultimate film of the three principal Marx Brothers has them trying to sort out Nazi refugees in a North African hotel; not quite up to the standard of their best 1930s work but it is worth suffering the dull bits for some

splendid moments of inspired comedy.

ITV

GREAT EXPECTATIONS (1975)

1.30-3.50pm Dull version of the Dickens classic. despite a promising cast that includes Michael York as Pip, Sarah Miles as Estella, James Mason as Magwitch, Margaret Leighton, Robert Modey and Anthony Quayle.

THE DOGS OF WAR (1980)

9.45-11.45pm Christopher Walken's Cacar-winning performance in The Deer Hunter must have suggested him to play the mercenary hero of Frederick Forsyth's novel about a plot to take control of a bankrupt west African state. But the Illim is no more than adequate."

Channel 4

HOLIDAY INN (1942) O

2.55-4.45pm
Easy-going and unpretentious song-and-dance vehicle for two of the best in the business, Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby, playing joint owners of a roadhouse hotel trying to catch the eye of Marjorie Reynolds. Along the way are a host of Irving Berlin numbers including "White Christmes".

THE COURTNEYS OF CURZON

4.45-5.50pm
Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding are back with this romantic drama which starts in Victorian times with an upstairs-downstairs marriage between a baronet's son and a lady's maid and continues the theme through two succeeding generations. Lush, escapist and, in its time, enormously popular. THANK YOU, MR MOTO (1837)

10.30-11.50pm Peter Lorre's Moto is employed by Pauline Frederick to find the treasure of Genghis Khan, buried somewhere in the Gobi desert.*

FRIDAY 🐣

BBC1

KHARTOUM (1956) @

1.45-3.50pm Dullish epic of British imperialism about Ganeral Gordon's last stand in the Sudan. Though the cast includes such heavyweights as Laurence Olivier (as the Mahdi) and Reigh Richardson (Gladstone) by lar the best performance comes from Charlton Heaton as Gordon, Basil Dearden directs.

ARLORDS OF ATLANTIS (1978)

6.20-7.55pm One for the kids as a glant octopus kidnaps intrapid Victorian acientists and Older movie watchers may wonder what Cyd Charisse, the leggy dancer from 1940s musicals, is doing in such a place.

THE MIDNIGHT MAN (1974) 11.25pm-1.25am Burt Lancaster stars in a film he also co-

wrote, co-produced and co-directed (with Roland Kibbee) as a killer let out on parole who becomes a college security guard and tries to unravel a convoluted murder case.

BBC2

THE PIRATE (1948)

Lively minor MGM musical, directed with characteristic feel for decor by Vincente Minnelli, and starring Gene Kelly and Judy Garland who find romance in the nineteenth-century Caribbean. The songs are by Cole Porter. NOTORIOUS (1946) ●●●

4.50-6.30cm Cary Grant as American secret service man sent to smoke out a Nazi cell in Rio

de Janeiro, enjoying a memorable screen kiss with Ingrid Bergman and trying to outwit the sinister Claude Rains. Among the finest of Hitchcock's thrillers, consistently inventive and engrossing. **BILLION DOLLAR BRAIN (1967)** 9.30-11.15pm The last of the Michael Caine-Len Deighton trilogy, with our downbeat hero encountering old adversary Oscar Homolka in Finland; the plot is denser

including an ice battle pinched from Alexander Nevsky.

than ever but there are some visual

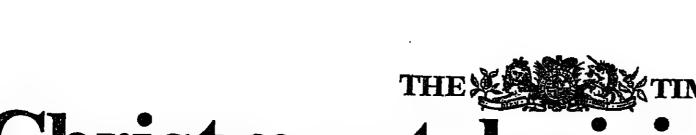
pyrotechnics from director Ken Russell

ANIMAL CRACKERS (1930) • • 11.55pm-1.35am Ti.sophi-Ti.soam Early Marx Brothers' film which is technically primitive and betrays its stage origin, but contains generous helpings of the brothers' wit and style. Groucho plays an African explorer turning up at a country-house party in uproer after the theft of an old master.

ITV

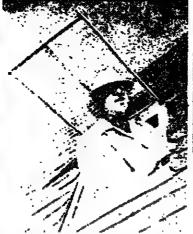
7.30-9.15pm
Based on the real story of two beach loafers from Miami who stage an elaborate jewel robbery at the Museum of Natural History in New York. They are played by Robert Conrad and Don Stroud."













Others under this beadfilm society.

God! and Coma.
A second category em-

That leaves what might be called classic revivals,

THE FORTUNE (1974)
Mikinight-1.35am (Thames only)
Stockard Channing's perky
performance as the threatened helices
is the bright spot in this misconceived HOOPER (1978) 6,25-8pm Burt Reynolds produced as well as

BBC2

THE WIZ (1978)

OH, GOD! (1977) •

starred in this story of a Hollywood sturman trying to maintain his position against a younger rival. Actions count for more than words but the sturns are black cornedy that somehow manages to waste both Warren Beatty and Jack Nicholson, not to mention its telented director, Mike Nichols.

A SWARM IN MAY (1983) ●

Channel 4

11.05am-12.35pm Writer-director Colin Finbow's unusual plece for the Children's Film Unit about a 10-year-old choirboy (played by Oliver Hicks) who becomes involved in the ancient custom of bee-keeping at a rural cathedral. With Frank Middlemas as the organist who befriends him." THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

(1938) **●** 12.30-2pm David O. Selznick's pleasant, if static version, of the classic atory by Mark Twaln. Tommy Kelly, a non-profession ector from the Bronx, plays Tom, and Jackie Moran is Huck Finn, while there

Is a rich character-playing from old Hollywood hands Walter Brennan, May Robson and Victor Jory. RENALDO AND CLARA (1977) ● 9.39-12.40mm Written and directed by Bob Dylan, this long and complex film uses footage from the Rolling Thunder Revue concert tour of 1975 and 1976 as a framework for an exploration of Dylan's life as a poet and singer, with improvised a

and near-surreal sequences that defy HOLIDAY TUESDAY

BBC1 ligence of its script, its superb

EL CID (1961) @ 1,35-4,30pm Chariton Heston as the legendary knight of medieval Spain putting the Moors to flight in an epic well above average in colour photography and the perceptive direction of Anthony Mann. Sophla Loren adds her decorative presence.

Dame Anna Neagle started her

returns to it in the pantomine

Buchanan's leading lady in Good-

night Vienna. The producer-director

was Herbert Wilcox, and it was the

start of a famous partnership, for in

25 years she appeared for only two

Wilcox may not be numbered

among this country's more creative film-makers, but he had a show-

man's feel for what the public

directors.

THE SONS OF KATIE ELDER (1985) John Wayne and Dean Martin lead in a roistering and violent revenge western

otherwise slight comedy."

4.25-6.35pm
An all-black version of The Wizard of Oz, based on a Broadway musical, with a soul and disco score and set in New York. Diana Ross is an unconvincing

successfully cast and director Sidney

10.20pm-midnight
John Denver as a supermarket manager
visited by God, who wears an anorak,
sneakers and a baseball cap and turns
out to be none other than the grand old

man of American vaudeville George Burns, whose professionalism lifts an

Lumet gives it a strong visual style.*

who guided Wayne to an Oscar in True Gril. THE CHINA SYNDROME (1979) •• -11.15om

and technician Jack Lemmon in a thriller with a message which builds genuine suspense and contains bellevable

characters superbly acted. Channel 4

THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN (1939) **●** 10.55am-12.30pm

Huck is played by the young Mickey Leading lady who was our sort of star

career on the stage, and this Christmas, in her eightieth year, she musicals, historical dramas or Cinderella at Bristol. But for 20 romuntic comedies. years or so, either side of the Second World War, she was much better known as a leading lady of the From Goodnight Vienna Neagle went on to Noel Coward's Bitter Sweet and to Nell Gwyn and in 1937 cinema and was several times voted achieved her first popular triumph Britain's biggest box-office draw.

She made her first film in 1930 and two years later was Jack as Victoria the Great. The film was so successful that a sequel, Sixty Glorious Years, was rushed out for the following year. She played other British beroines in Narse Edith

Piccadilly Incident. The Neagle-

story of Amy Johnson.

principals: "They're our sort of people, not so-called glamour stars, but good hard-working professionals wanted and, in collaboration with hs wife, managed consistently to catch laughing, dancing and romancing together' When the cycle had run its course.

Neagle returned to biopics, as Odette Churchill and Florence Nightingale; played opposite Errol Flynn, of all people, in King's Rhapsody; and tried to make a star of Frankie Vanghan. In 1958 she retired from the screen, and with Room At the Top and its ilk just Cavell and They Flew Alone, the around the corner, her timing impeccable; but she left much that In 1946 she was teamed with Michael Wilding for the first time in can still be enjoyed, as Channel 4 viewers will discover over the next few days. (The Anna Neagle films Wilding films were essentially an escape form post-war ansteriy, and as Godfrey Winn wrote of the and Bitter Sweet on Jan 2). are on Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri. The Lady with the Lamp is on Dec 31

FUNERAL IN BERLIN (1907)

Not, sadly, the marvellous film Michael Powell made for Korda but the most recent version of the Arabian Nights

The last film by Busby Berkeley as director (though he left before the end and the musical numbers were completed by Gene Keliy and Stanley Donen). The story of vaudevillars who could be the surrous playing base bill. spend their summers playing baseball, I was a sort of dry run for On the Town with four of the same stars - Kelly, Frank Sinetra, Betty Garrett and Jules

work from the make-up de THINK FAST, MR MOTO (1937) ● ● 10.55pm-12.10em

BBC1

9-10.50pm (Wales 11.20pm-1em) Michael Crichton's morbid thriller about

character is certainly her own woman.*

EVERYBODY SINGS (1938) 🖷 2.05-3.25pm A very early Judy Garland vehicle in which she is a talented daughter of a

SUSPICION (1941)

1.25-6.00pm Joan Fontaine won the Oscar she might will have had for her previous Hitchcock film, Rebecca, as the shy society girl who marries dashing playboy Cary
Grant and comes increasingly to
suspect that he is trying to do away with
her. Nice support from Hollywood Brits
Sir Cedric Hartwicke, Deme May Whitty and Nigel Bruce.

LIVE A LITTLE, STEAL A LOT (1974)

BBC 1

resident references to the colores (spoken) of Rich Little

and (sung) of Rita Coolidge

famous Yorkshire house, fan

the Cambridge University

through the eyes of primary

Service: From The Mint Methodist Church, Exeter.

Methodist Conference, the Rev Amos Cresswell; 11.17

11.20 The Little Convict: Rolf Harris

12.35 Ziggy's Gift: Short, animate

1.05 Film: Gitterball (1977)

and Keith Jayne.

(as Jake the Peg) in a tale

about the wrongdoers who helped to create Australia.

n about a street-corner

Santa Claus who gets a job with a confidence trickster;

1.00 Bugs Burny: cartoon.

Children's Film Foundation

fantasy about a thing from

ing: Grace Kennedy

selling entertainers on parade, including Michael Jackson,

Shakin' Stevens, Men at Work,

Bucks Fizz, Lional Richie and

Commonwealth (also on EBC

2, at 9.50, with sign language).

edition of the word game, with panellists Sabina Franklyn.

Patrick Moore, Bervi Reid and

Freddie Starr. The MC: Terry

Stevenson classic with Robert Newton (Long John) and Bobby Discol (Jim Hawkins)

nacers to ride around the

for a young lad to become Santa Cleus and bring good

cheer to a local Darby and

qu of Protee Special

in Peterborough combine at the cathedral for a special

highlight is a tale called The Adventures of Archie. Mr

Corbett has the title role, with

Mr Barker as the Gonle, and

Carol Hawkins as The Blands

Herriot's Yorkshire Dates for

another yarn about country was. All the old familiar faces

(Christopher Timothy, Carol

Drinkwater, Robert Hardy and

testive joility is restrained at the Trotters' high-rise flat, and

the arrival of an unexpected

visitor (Mr Trotter Senior) does

est star: Elton John.

8.06 All Creatures Great and Small: Back to James

are back on parade

10.05 Howe the reader is Jan

10.15 Film: Better Late than Never (1983) Devid Niven's last film. It co-stars Maggie Smith and Art Carney®

11.45 The Spinners at York: And their highly seasonable setting is the Victorian street at the

Casde Museum, Ends of

Leeming.

Peter Davison).

9.35 Only Fools and Horses: The

edition of this hugely popular

Choirs, churches and achools

Joen ckib.

7.15 The Two Romles: Cor

Roy Kinnear, Ruth Madoc,

3.60 Phy: Tressure Island (1950)

5.25 News: read by Jan Learning.

5.35 Jun't Fix to Mr Saville makes

it possible for two blind

Disney version of the R. L.

Bonnie Tyler, Duran Duran,

Carols from Newby Hall (9 am)

2.00 Top of the Pops 1983: Best-

3.00 The Queen: The Civistmes

Day broadcast to the

3.15 Blankety Blank: Festive

David Bowle.

outer space befriended by two young lads. With Ben Buckton

schoolchildren from all parts of

9.50 Away in a Manger: Christman

10.90 Christmas Morning Family

the country.

Carmichael's guests are Grace Kennedy, Robert White, and

8.35 The Christmas Raccoons:

and Rupert Holmes.

9.00 Carols from Newby Hall:

BBC1 WALES 10.45-11.45em Christmas cards from the Ascunsion, Iris Walliams unless Welsh in Wales, through the medium of song. in Wales, through the medium of song. 12.45m Weather for Wales; Closs. SCOTTLAND 11.45-12.50m Watch Night. A Clurismas Service from the Parish Church of St George's – Tron, in the heart of Glasgow. 12.50mm Weather for Scotland; Close. HORTNERN IRELAND 12.45mm Weather; Northern Ireland news headings. Close. ENGLAND 12.50mm Close.

ANGLIA As London except: \$.15pm-6.10 Knight Rider

ULSTER As London except. 5.15pm-6.19 Knight Rider.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Pretending: Billy Dainty, Julie Rogers, Kenneth Country and Dana in the 3-2-1 pantomime, Dick Whittington (ITV, 6.45 pm)

SAC Starts: 1.40pm Black on Black 2.55 Ameteur Neturalis: 3.00 The Tube 4.30 Utopia Ltd 5.00 Yr Awr Fawr 6.00 Sgryfil 7.00 Newyddion 7.15 "Daig Etto "Nghymru Ahrwyl 6.50 Rockers Posdohow 10.25 Audienos with Kenneth Williams 11.50 Films Stormy Westher (66 Robinson) 1.20est Glosedown

SCOTTISH As London except: 5.15pm-6.10 Knight Place: 11.45 Vietemight Sendon. Picter, 11,45 West

TSW As London except: 11.25em-11.30 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays 5.15pm News 5.18-6.19 Knight Rider 12.40 Closedown

TVS As London except 5.15pm-6.10 The Fall Guy: Devil's island.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 5.15-8.10 Knight Rider, 11.45 Watchnight Service, 12.40am Reflections, 12.45 Close

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25em-11.00 Little Resona: followed by Space 1999. 5.15-pp PutPn's Platfor. 5.18-1.10 Knight Rider, 12.40em Changedown CENTRAL & London except: \$.15pm-5.10 Knight. Ricer. 12-40am Closedown.

Christmas Day

Edited by Peter Davalle





Shaping up well: Robert Hardy and friends in James Herriot's "All Creatures Great and Small" (BBC1) and The Two Rounies (BBC1)

Stars of the shows: Roger Daltrey in "The Comedy of Errors" (BBC2) and Cilla Black with her new style "family" (ITV) TV-am

BBC 2 1.05 Film: Scrooge (1951") American cartoon (r). Alastair Sim, cast agair type, as Dickens's old P.OD From All of the to All of Your fint With Kethleen Civistmes treat from Walt Disney. Clips from favourite

s. including Snow

introduces clips from cartoons

leaturing characters such as

9.45 The Happy World of Henne-Barbera: Gene Keily

Huckleberry Hound.

10.50 File: A Connecticut Yankse in

King Arthur's Court (1945) Bing Crosby in a comedy musical, brand on Mark

12:30 Borrance Vone able vestern, with Lorne Greene and Dan

murder and robbery.

1.20 Around the World with Dot:

2.30 Film: The Magic of Lassie (1978) TV movie about the

4.10 The Dukes of Hazard: Coy

may by misplaced.

5.00 News: read by Jan Leeming.

5.10 Some Mother's Do 'Ave 'Em:

Jaeger plays the fearful

A story of a very unhappy flying instructor. Frank

(Wiichael Crawford) starts a

course of lessons. Frederick

(1982) Cartoon about a global

kangaroo. With Drew Forsythe. Made in Australia.

wonder dog. With James Stewart, Mickey Rooney.

falls in love with Billis Ann, one

of the sturnt-bicycle riding Baxley Sisters, but Vance

feels his cousin's affections

Harrison and (as Marlev's Perspective: Roy Hudd, the comedian, shows how effectively the Bard made use of "gags" and "comic routines" in his plays. This tonight's (5.00) production of The Cornedy of Errors.

2.55 The Book Game: First of four literary quizzes, chaired by Robert Robinson (the rest can be seen on consecutive days, from tomorrow). Today's contomunts: Anthony Burgess, Germaine Greer, an Hill and Adam Mars Jones, Freddie Jones reads

125 Films That Touch of Mink (1962) Cary Grant/Doris Day cornedy, with Gig Young in support

5.00 The BBC Televsion Ine pac I several in Shakespearer The Comedy of Errora. Roger Dailrey and Michael Kitchen play the two pair of identical twins. Strong support from Wendy Hiller, Cyrll Cusack, Charles Gray, Suzanne rtish and Joanne Pearce.

8.55 Sky at Drury Lane: Highlights of the show staged at the Theatre Royal sector this month. John Williams, on guitar, leads the group, (Herbie Flowers, Tristan Fry, Steve Gray and Kevin Peek.) Special guest; 7.45 News: the reader is Jan

ernell Gloucestershire

Rosemary Leach as the

riter's mother and

village. Filmed on location in Stad, near Stroud. With

Stephen Grendon as one of

the cast: Mary Merrall, Catherine Lacey, Michael

Robbins and Carl Blamard. First seen in 1971, and

warmly received by most

9.30 Private Lives: A compilation

momenta from the chat

so above the average.

Francis and Yehud

Menuhin, and Barbara Castle and A J P Taylor.

Whittle Test Presents: Live from the Hammers with

Odeon. Paul Young and the

Royal Family's final concert in their 12 Days of Christman tour. The concert

can also be heard on Radio

(1955) Almed Hitchnook's

esse Royce Landis and

the invaluable (but now

departed) John Williams. Ends at 12.35am.

ticated thriller with

1. in stereo.

10.45 Film: To Catch a Thief

shows that Maria Alther)

hosted earlier this year. By

Tonight's excerpts feature

Tracey Ullman and Patrick

Lichfield, Mirlam Stoppard and Alan Price, Beryl Reid and Kingley Amis, Clare

eneral consent, the level of

nversation was a cut or

of some of the best

5.55 Pop Quiz: Dave Edmunds and Roger Taylor captain the two 7.56 Cider with Rosle: Another teams. Facing the questions are Mari Wilson, Limshi, Lee chance to see Hugh Whitmora's television adaptation (remarkably John (touring with imaginat and Midgs Lire (Ultravox's faithful to the original) of Laurie Lee's recollection of his boyhood spent in a



Saving: Melody Anderson in Flash Gordon (7.10 pm)

6.30 The Little and Large Show: The line-up of guests includes Jimmy Cricket, Joe Brown, magician Martin Daniels, Cleo Rocce, and Chas and Dave (singing Melanchoty Baby). 7.10 Film: Flash Gordon (1980) The

comic strip comes to life. With Sam Jones, Topol, Melody Anderson, Brian Beased and Max Von Sydow . 8.55 Val Boonlann's Christman

Party: Old-fashioned festive celebrations, with special guests Howard Keel (former Hollywood star, now a member of the Dalias repertory company), The Nolans, Sky, and Wall Street

9.40 Bergerac: Guest actress Liza Goddard plays the notorious jewel thief who arrives in Jersey, on holiday, just when the private auction of a huge diamond is to take place. Bergerac (John Nettles) keeps a gimlet eye on her. None the less, the jewel is stolen. What is more, it happens right in the middle of the wattors

10.35 News: read by Jan Leeming. And Christmas Day weather.

10.45 The Good Old Days: Edwardian-type entertainment from the City Varieties, Leeds, with Leonard Sache as the gavel-banging chairman. The entertainers: Danny La Rue, Valerie Masterson, Robert White, Bernard Cribbins, Barn Cryer, the Clark Brothers the comedy-magician Caetan

millions of viewers sit at home five hundred worshippers will be in the Cemedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, Blackburn, for the traditional service of carols, readings and sermon. 1246 Weather (cresset

CHANNEL 4

Christmas Eve

2.06 Film: Major Barbara (1941") Wendy Hiller as the Salvation Army daughter of a munitional tycoon, in Gabriel Pascal's respectful film of Shaw's argumentative play. With Rex Harrison, Robert Morley, Walter Hudd and Robert

4.35 Unforgettable Swingtima
Unashamedly nostalgic show,
hosted by Pat Phoenix
(Coronation Street's Elsie Tarmer), which looks back at some of the hit songs from the Twenties to the early Fifties.
They are performed by Kay
Stairt and Flounie Hilton,
backed up by the Mike Morton

5.05 Brockwide: Ornabus edition of the estate serial. The news that Michelle and Mark how been so anxiously awaiting rrives at last, in the form of a Christmas card. And Marie finds herself waiting at a hospital - with Father Christmas (r).

6.00 News headlines. And weather prospects for Christmes Day. Followed by:- A Wee Bit Cheeky: One-hour curtainreiser for a new series starting on Channel 4 in the new year called Everyone A Special Kind of Artist. Tonight's film is about comic postcard artist Arnold Taylor, now in his seventies. His fat ladies, nny husbands and doubleentendres are familiar to everybody who has ever been into a sesside postcard shop. But he has also designed postcards for children. And we also see something of the portraits he did during his lesert Flats" days in North

7.00 Film: Stormy Weather (1943") Hollywood shop-window for some of America's namarkable black talent, including Bill "Bojengles" Robinson, Lens Home, the Nicholas Brothers and Fate Weller.

6.30 An fiventing with Max Wall: A second chance to see this entertainment which helped launch the first week of Channel 4 programmes less year. It was filmed on the stage of London's Garrick skill, including his lunatic antics at the plano as Professor Wallofaki, and his tripping of the light fantastic.

9.30 it's Got to be Funny, Hasn't it? A rare chance to compare the on-stage Max Wall (see 8.30 entry) with the off-stage Max Walf. The funny man is seen in convenience with over 75 years in show bedsitter in south-east London which has been his home for 12 years, estranged from his family and away from the www.mth of an uudience and the high life he once enjoyed. There are extracts from his own this vision sected that were also see him in sequences. from John Osbome's The

10.30 Film: The Worst of Hollywood Senta Claus Conquers the Martisms (1964") With Leonard Zadora, Ends at 12.15.

Waiting for Godot.

Entertainer und Beckett's

6.25 Good Marning British: with the Perkinsons (Michael and Perkinsons (Michael and Mary), Includes Roland the Rat's Christmas Wondenaud

(Father Christmas appears at 8.40 Data Run's Christmas Party. Panto quiz, with Jeremy Beadle; Terry Jones and the

devil; parcel-passing robots, and quest stars Lynsey de Paul, the Belle Stars, the Lotus Esters, Tracey Ultman, and Madnesa, Ends at 9.25 am.

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9.25 Metal Mickey: The bossy inbut decides that he should be in charge of the Wilberforce's family panto and play the front end of the

9.55 Cartoon Time: Instive fun. 10.05 The Monniers Christmes: New Zealnd story about a wicked which who seals some rs' voices - and a girl's quest to find them.

11.00 The Smarts' Christmas Special: the tiny folk versus Something Evil.

11.25 The Fraggles are Coming: Curtain-ruiser for a new puppet series. 11.30 Terrehewks: Zolda launches an all-out attack - despite the season of goodwill (ie Christmas).

1200 Film Pun at Christman Cancons and floath-and-blood tun at the Roxy cinema. With Derek Griffiths (r). 1.00 Adam Ant: Prince Charming

Revue. Music, partomime, and theatrs - on the stage of London's Dominion thantre. The aim was to get away from the traditional rock show format; 2.20 Tweety Pie. 2.30 Film: Joseph and the Argoneuts (1963). High adventure on the trail of the

Armstrong, Nancy Kovack, Honor Blackman. 4.25 News from ITN. 4.30 The Krankles at Christia Music and laughter show. The guests include Bernie Winters,

Melvyn Hayes, Jimmy Cricket, Sarah Hollamby, Pepe and the Gang, Barbara Dicknon and Modern Romance. 8:15 Chips: Thieves steal a church

sesson. With Larry Wilcox and Erik Estrada as the police patrol chums. 6.10 Punchilnes: Tonight's calebrity partners are Diana and the Punchline "pais" include Faith Brown, Berbera Kelly, Bob Carolgees and Splt the Dog, and Mike Reid. The

comestante are Shaun Labrum, from Thetford, and Allson Tessier, from Haywards 6.45 3-2-1: A special Dick Whittington edition of the family game show, hosted by Ted Rogers. Appropriately, all

tenta ero children. 7.45 Cille Black's Christman Ewic The singer, "at Home" (le in the studio) welcomes show business guests who drop in to wish her the compliments of the season. She also chats, by satellina, with some friends across the Atlantic (the Bee Gees, for instance, and George Benson). Others involved are Frankle Howard (singing some awful Christmas songs that did not make the hit parols that did stay the course

8.45 three from ITN. 8.00 Hart to Hart: The husband and wife alouths infiltrate a company that is setting up a series of Christmas robberies. Co-starting Robert Wagner and Statunia Powers as the stauthing spouses. They can also be seen, live from the United States, in the Christmas right show on ITV -Jimmy Tarbuck's Christmas All Stars (7.45 pm).

Murder Is Easy (1981) Mass nurder is Easy (1997) Mass nurder in Scotland. Strong cast includes Bill Bixby, Lesley-Anne Down. Ofivia de Havilland, Jonathan Pryce, Anthony Valentine and

Timothy West.
Michight Mass: from St.
Mary's Cathedral, Newcastl
upon Tyne. The celebrants
include the Flight Rev Hugh. Lindsay, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle; the Very Ren Rev Paul McSwa Rev Philip Carroll. Organist and cholymanur: David Allison, Classidown at 12.40.

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Sound of Christmas. 11.45pm Late Call.
11.45 House Calls. 12.15em Closedoem. GRANADA As London except: 5.15pm-6.10 Knight Rider, 12.40mm Quincy, 1.36 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.50am-9.55 Look and See 11.40pm Streets of San Francisco 12.35am Postscript

CENTRAL As London except: 11.40pm A Different Christman. 11.58 Closedown.

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2.00 Nobody Minded the Rain: Impressions of Coronation Day, Another chance to see kaleidoscopic picture of what it was like to be alive (and a royalist) in Britain on June 2, 1953. The pomp and ceremony in Westminster Abbey was only half the ment. The rest was to be found in the streets. Memories of the great day from, among others, Lord Ramsey (then Bishop of Durham), Lord Eccles tthen Minister of Works), and Lady Rayne (one

3.50 The Book Game: Fun and games with a literary slant, involving Robert Robinson (as chairman), Anthony Burgess, Germaine Greer, Susan Hill and Adam Mars-Jones. The readings are taken care of by Fraddie Jones. Another game tomorrow at 4.30.

of the Queen's maids of

3.30 The Great Palace: The Story of Parliament. A repeat screening of last Thursday's instalment (the last film in the series of eight) about the "strangers" at the Palace of Vestminster - the 2,000 non-MPs who work there. Written narrated by Anthony Quayle who, despite the magnificent surrounding him, and the weight of history that presse down on the story of miruter, has never sounded over-awad by any of

4.20 Henry's Cat: a Bob Godfrey and Stan Hayward cartoon. 4.25 Film: Meet Me in St Louis

(1944) Judy Garland and The Troiley Song. 6.15 The Natural World: Wints Days. Remarkable wildlife film. photographed by prizewinning cameraman Hugh Miles. See thousands of geese flying in from the Arctic. See how the ptarmigan stays alive

hypthermia. The strategies for inter survival are limitless. 7.05 News: the reader is Jan

7.15 Cindenetic Rossini's (wo-sid opera La Cenerentola. Glyndebourne Festival opera season, and starring Kathleer Kuhimann as Angeline (we know her as Cinders). The young English tenor Laurence Dale is the Prince. The two step-sisters (not Ugly, as in the panto) are played by Marta Taddie and Laura Zannini. Desden (Don Magnifico), Alberti Rinaldi (Dandini) and Roderick Kennedy (Alidoro). Donato Renzetti conducts the London Philharmonic

Orchestra. 9.50 The Queen: In case you missed Her Majesty on BBC 1 at 3.00 or if you are keen to listen to what she had to say for a second time, here, again, is the Christmas Day message to the Commonwe time, with subtitles and with a sign language interpretation for the hard of hearing.

10.05 The Bob Monkhouse Show: And the special guest is Norman Wiedom. Others in the visitors' seats will include the Russian-American comedian Yakov Smirnoff, Music from Bertice Reading and the Harry

11.00 Pilm: The Marx Brothurs in Duck Soup (1933") And it would be difficult to find a more rioutous way to bring

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10.30 Christmas Oratorio: Bach's superb work - six centate performed in the Cloister Austria, on original period . instruments. The conductor: Nikolaus Hamoncourt. With soloists Peter Schreier (tenor), Robert Holl (bass) and members of the Tolzer Boys Choir, with the Concentus Musicus of Vlenna. 1.15 Film: The Gang's All Here

(1943). Hollywood musical, with Busby Berkeley routine With Alice Faye, James Ellison and Carmen Miranda Skywhales:Short, animal

film, featuring a species of primitive hunters (green, snouty creatures called Perleians) who inhabit a mass of vegetation suspended in the sky. In pedal-driven sky-boats, they hunt sky-whales. We learn of the close relationship that exists between hunter and hunted. The dialogue is in a necially invented language. and the music is by Dirk Higgins. 3.25 Fragile Earth: How Alaska's

flora and fauna have evolved to cope with the territory's extreme conditions. Eg months every year the land is locked in the icy grip of winter. It is the final film in what has been a remarkable natural history series and it is called 4.25 Film: Monsieur Hulot's Holiday (1953*) Jacques Tati

causes chaos in a seaside resort in Brittany 6.09 The Queen: The message to

the Commonwealth. There are subtitles for people with hearing difficulties. 6.15 Twice Nightly:One hour of

Twice Nightly: Une hour or parodies from the Barron Knights. They perform many of their hits, including Swindon Cowboy, Any Old Iron, Grandfather's Clock and M.A.Ş.H. News Hearitimes, And weather

prospects for Boxing Day. Followed by: Father's Day Christman Special:Dom comedy starring John Aldertor as Ded. The children (Katie Alderton, Zac Nicholson and Dominique Barnes) decide that, this Christmas, thay quant to go without festive trappings such as cards, trees presents and turkey. And in a rush of charitable feelings, they invite a very deserving quest to the house on the big

7.50 Struggle:The capitalist system in the non-existent borough of Southam (with its socialist-led council) is tottering on the edge of destruction. Just one vote could decide its fate.

(1982) Rapid appearance on the small screen of Martin Scorsese's gold comedy, with Jerry Lewis and Robert de 10.25 Tedads: Peter Brock's Paris

8.25 Film: The King of Comedy

Cabaret. The opera singers Brook's Bouffes du Nord theatre company in Paris in a programme of cabaret songs in English and French.

11.10 Peace on Earth: Words, music and paintings - all related to the birthplace of Christ, Choirs from all over the world Square in Jerusalem to celebrate Christman, Narroted by Dame Flora Robson, with readings by Laurence Officer; 12.10 Closedown.

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7.60 Rub-a-Dub-Tub Christmaa Day Special: with Bonnie Langford, Michele Dotrice, Edward Woodward and Alan Dart.

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8.00 Christmas with TV-em: A Thought for Christmas, from Cardinal Hume; and Chris Tarrant at the Queen Wary Hospital for Children, in Carshalton, Surrey.

9.00 Roland's Winter Wonderland Roland Rat in a special Christmas Day programme.

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9.25 The Night the Animals Talked: An animated parable of the Nativity, men through the eyes of the exhault, Music end lyrics by Sarway Calm and Jule Styrus (1). 5.59 The Fraggles are County trains for new puppet series.

Messanges to Earth Musica fantasy (music by Lou Lawis) eet in a calestial "ope" room where angels are preparing to Christ's birth. Recorded at Queen Elizabeth Gram School, Credition, Devon (r). from St Molua's Church, Bellast. The sermon is given

11.20 The Magic Pleaset los electing spectacular about an astronaut who lands on the planet Aleph and falls in love with its oxiden.

by the Rector, the Rev Edger

12.15 Film: The Capitare of Grizzly Adams (1981): Made-for-TV र्श्वपरSco प्रेस्मार, with Dan Haggerty as the man hiding. faise murder charge who now has to risk being captured because his daug him. With Kim Darby, Nosh Beery and Keenen Wynn. 2.00 The Royal Year: An ITN compilation of highlights from

Queen's and Duke of Edinburgh's visits to the Cartiboan, the US, Kanya. India and Bangladesh. Pius II in Prince and Princese's of. Wales tours of Australia, New Zealand and Geneda. The reporter: Anthony Carthew 3.00 The Queen the message to

the Commonw 3.15 Film: Superman (1978). The epectacularly to Me. With Christopher Resve®

5.35 Bullarye Christmas Spec Darts mixed with general knowledge, all in aid of charity. The man kricharge: Jim Bowen, Plus even more hyndlar laces, See Karmer KendalFs and Arine

6.20 News from ITN. 8.30 A Royal Concert of Carola: The Prince and Princess of Wates listen to carols sung by a hospital choir. Songs and plano playing from Marti Webb and Parm Donologe.

7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right: The Rothwells from Capelles, Guernsey, take on the Isaacs from Clapton, st London.

Jimmy Tarbuck's Christin All Store ITV's Chrismas Night entertainment highlight a non-stop music and laughter show with a line-up including Bruce Forsyth, Mike Yarwood Cannon and Ball, Michael Berrymore and She Stevens. Plus a 'Game for a Laugh' special and, from the US by satellite, Andy Williams Robert Wagner and Stefanie Temptations and The Four

9.10 Film: Revenge of the Pink Panther (1978). Peter Sellers as the anarchic inspector Clouwsau

11.00 News from ITN. 11.10 The King's Christmas: Festive renderings from the King's Singers. The setting - is as much a treat for the eyo as the singing is for the ear. Traditional carols and, predictably, fully contributions, too.

11.40 The Untouchables: Crime drama, with Eliot Ness (Robert Stack) out to catch a crooked ex-policemen who is using an amusement park as headquarters for a drugamuggling operation (r).

12,25 A Different Christmas: What the day has been like for the patients at Stoke Mandeville goes there and chats with Jimmy Savile. Followed by

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HTV WALES: No variation TYNE TEES 8.25em Morning the Ankmais Talked 11.40pm Joani Loves Chachi 12.10em Message for Christmas, Glosedown

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Pearce, David Jason and Nicholas

Laughing: Lennard Pearce, David Jason and Nicholas Lyadhurst have fan in Only Fools and Horses (BBC1, 9.35 pm)

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5.05 The New Adventures of Flash indestructible hero faces t Revolt of the Power Men. de here faces the The Natural World: Snowy

Chilly, Motley and Me. Oxford zoologist John Paling with a puppy and two kittens. Mr Paling discovers that our domestic pets really are wild animals, thinly disguised (r). 18.10 Carteons: Bugs Bunny in Jack Wabbit and the Beanstalk - a Wanner Brothers cartoon; and bragoncastle, an award-winning fairytale film made by 13-year old Paul Mason and

11-year old Becky Mason. 18.30 Play School, presented by Elizabeth Mitbank and Brian Jameson. The story is the Cobweb Christmas Tree, by

STEWN CHIND. 10.55 Pigeon Street. A Sec-Saw programme for the very young

one of a two-episode adventure story about a young runeway who slows aboard a

12.80 Look Back with No. the coastel paths of Devon and Cornwall in summer (r).

72.36 Shows headlines and westfor 12.36 The Response and Leaf Ster. A musical cartoon about the nesty Cyril Sneer and his plot to capture the Earth.

1.30 Cosched Ios. A Warner

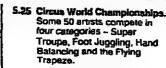
1.3 The Good Life. Civisions deesn't go according to plan for either the George or the Leadbetters (r).

2.00 Plac Bridge on the River Kuss (1967) David Lean's classic observation of man under

4.35 The Kelth Herris Carleton Party. Fun and games and music from queets Shakin' Sevens and Stu Francis.

5 10 House with Nichard Winteriors.

E-15 Films Score. David Acker with a ied check on the day's



6.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Christmas Show. Magic and comedy from the host; illusions from The his mechanical man.

7.15 The Kenny Everett Television Show. A special edition of the eccentric Everett show in which even the dublous gags are done in the best possible

7.50 Film: Rocky (1976) Boxing drama starring Sylvester

9.45 Lenny Henry presents "Laughing Matter". A selection of classic comedy clips.

10.25 News with Richard Whitmore 10.35 Kiri and Friends, Kiri Te Kanawa introduces a programme of music and

dance from Mozart to the Allen: Wayne Sleep and Alessandra Ferri in a Beatles ballet, Marisa Robels (harp); Richard Van Allen (baritone); and the 14-year old Greek pianist Dimitris Sqouros. The BBC Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Robin Stapleton.

Thomas. A ghost yam adapte by John Bowen from the story by M. R. James. Michael Bryant stars as the Rev Justin Somerton, an Oxford don who for lost treasure. The clue to the hourd's whereabouts is contained in a cryptic message on a stained-glass window but Somerton rehums to take from promised if the treaure is disturbed. The music is composed by Geoffrey Burgor who was later responsi Twicer Tailor and Brideshand

Lawrence Gordon Clark (r). 12.15 Wenther.



BBC 2

coverage of the Daily Mirror

Championship Handicap

Chase (1.00); the Coral Golden Hurdle (1.35); and the Better Bet Coral Steeplechase (2.05).

Pitman, Also included is Julian

racing season and his choice

really play the part of mid-wife at Christ's birth? Arthur

the biographies by Margaret Lane, A lavish and entertaining

biographical play about the life

book characters have brought loy to millions of children. With

enelope Wilton as Beatrix

4.30 The Book Game. The third of

books and writers with

flour conversations about

BBC 1 Weles: 11.10am-12.00 Rugby Union: highlights of Saturday's game between Bridgend and Carolli. 12.15am-12.20 News and seather. Northern Ireland: 12.15am-

narrator (r).

Potter and Michael Hordern as

of the lonely woman whose

Dooley's sculpture shows Joseph holding the child he

has helped deliver (r).

2.35 The Tale of Beatrix Potter, by

of Recehorse of the Year.

2.20 Joseph and Child. Did Joseph

The commentators are Peter

O'Sullevan and Richard

12.45 Racing from Wincanton.
Julian Wilson introduces

Conditional Jockeys

Shipshape: All aboard for an hour with Morecambe and Wise and party time with the crew from Minder (Both ITV)

Green, Susan HM and Adam Mars-Johns. Russell Davies with a preview of tomorrow night's proof Shakespeare's cornedy. Two Gentlemen of Verone, on

5.25 Film: Mame (1974). Musical story of a nephew's life with an outrageous aunt. Starring Lucille Ball and Robert Preston ...

7.15 A Life In the Theretic Green Pirangcon-Davies. The nonagenarian actress talks about her career, which covered 70 years, and of her everniol life.

8.05 Naws summary with subtitles 8.10 Romeo and Juliet. Prokofiev's ballet performed by the Ballet of La Scala, Milan, with Carla Fracci and Rudolf Nursyev tancing the title roles and Dame Margot Fonteyn as Lady Capulet. The choreography is by Rudolf Nureyev, Introduced

10.25 Film: The Incress File (1965). starring Michael Ceine, Nigel Green and Guy Dolman. Ends at 12.15.

ANGLIA As London except 12.09 midnight Tales of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning (Carol Drinkwater), 12.30 am On the Feast of Stephen followed by

CHANNEL 4

10.35 Animeted Pables, Antoingue Moses, director of the Cambridge Animation Festival introduces three films. From Czechoslovakia, The King and the Gobin; from the United States, How the Zebra Came to Be; and the Canadian-made Cinderella Penguin

11.05 Film: A Swarm in May (1983) A young charister restores an ancient church traditi Starring Oliver Hicks®

12.30 Film: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1938) John Weaver's version of the classic Mark Twain story, With Tommy Kelly and Jackle Moran

200 A Rough Stage. A documentary, narrated by Maureen Lipman, that examines the development of With personal recollections and examples of grass roots entertainment past and present the programme illustrates, among other things, what it was like to be a touring child dancer at the turn of the century and to sit in the

music hall audience.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.00 midright Tales of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning (Carol Drinkwater). 12.30 am Christian Christians. 12.35 Glosedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

1.30 Christmas Cartoon Camival

presented by Ray Allen. 4.00 Charlie Chaplin - The Little Transp. Joel Grey introduces clips from Charlie Chaplin's earliest films including his first me 1914-made Kid Auto Races in Venue 4,45 The Sleeping Beauty. The Kirov Bellet's 200th

iniversary production of Tchaikovsky's work, based on Perrault's fairy tale. The cast includes three of the Soviet Jnion's best dancers - Inna Kolpakova as Aurora, Sergii Berezhoi as Prince Desire and Lubov Kunakova as the Lilac Fairy. With the orchestra of the Laningrad Theatre of Opera and Ballet, conducted by

Victor Fedotor 6 55 News headlines and weather followed by Home. Do we know enough about the cultural background of the non-British who have made our islands their hor

8.00 From Mac to Mozart. The story of Isaac Stern's 1979 tour of China 9.30 Film: Remaido and Cliera (1977). A record of the 1975 and 1976 east coast of the

United States tour by Bob

HTV As London except: 12.50 mildnight Tales of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning (Carol Drinkwater). 12.30sm A Caro Christmas: Bristol Cathedral Choir. 12.35 Weather and Closedown. HTV WALES: No variation.

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S.00 Robert White

Princess Anna.

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special story for children.

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interview, litst shown on Australian talevision, with

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7.30 The Advantages of Mole. A

9.25 The Scoty Show. With Manhaw Corpett and ris puppets, Sooty, Sweep and Soo, in their own version of and Fliding Hood (1).

9.45 The Talking Percel. An entraited version of Gerald Durrell's story about a girl who finds a talking parcel on a banch. Among the voices are those of Fracidic Jones, Molfe Sugden, Roy Kinnear and Windsor Davies.

Fig. The Ruge Burny/Ros Rusmer Movie (1979), Five shorts featuring the Indestructible rabbit and one

12.00 Take Over. Three teams, led by Jenny Lee-Wright, Richard O'Sullivan and Isla St Clair, leat their skills at various hazardous exploits with the help of simulators. Brough Scott is the man who puts them in the driving seat.

T DO NAMES. 1.05 Racing from Kempton. Brough Scott introduces the Food Hurdle (1.10); the Ladbro Christmas Hundle (1.40); and the King George VI Chase

(2.15). The commentators are John Oaksey and Graham Goodw. 2.30 Films The Scarlet Planserne (1982) starring Anthony Andrews and Jane Seym Colourful and well-acted version of Baroness Orczy's story of the seemingly n who is

on a visit to Paris at the time

guilitatine almost daily. His outwardly toppish exterior hides his real purpose — to save as many of the beleaguered aristocrass es possible. A strong supporting cast includes less McKellerr is the wicked Citizen Chauve

the accurae of the aristocracy. Directed by Clas Donner. 5.15 News and sport. 5.30 Give Us a Ches. Celebrity mime game between two manns. Una Sauchs, Jame Asher, Jilly Cooper and Tracey Ullman against Lionel Blair.

Tim Brooke-Taylor, Bob Gedor and Russel Grant. Fairclough visits the lady who might be able to clear up the mystery surrounding husband Lan's death.

6.30 Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977). James Bond bettles with a man who wants to rule an underwater ldngdol

Starring Roger Moors LAS Eric and Emile's Christs Show. A Morecambe and Wise spectacular with an extent quest list that includes Nigel lawthorne, Felicity Kendali, Navette Newman and Peter

9,45 Minor Cartmana Bo Excerpts from the best scenes of previous series of the popular comedy. With Dennis Waterman, George Cole and Glynn Edwards - mine host at the Winchester Club. The programme is set in the club where Terry is trying to make the Christmas lights, supplied by Arthur, work. Meanwhile, Arthur is receiving some stici stranded at Heathrow, trying to leave the country on a holiday with a ticket supplied by Arthur.

10.45 News 10.50 Des O'Conner Tonight. Music,

song and laughter with Jimmy Tarbuck, Marti Caine and Charlie Calles. 12.00 Film: The Fortune (1974) starring Jack Nicholson and

Warren Beatty as a pair of inept con-men 1.35 Night Thoughts from Mex Sinclair, assistant director, Christian Centre, Hildenborough Hall, Kent.



ooking: Cherie Lunghi (left) and Carol Drinkwater in Death in the Morning, a tale of the emexpected (Anglia)

S4C Starts 12.35 pm Nodi. 12.50 Wae Bit Cheeky. 1.45 Film: Monsieur Hutot's Holiday (Jecques Tati). 3.15 Francile Earth. 4.10 Dwylot I Fyrry. 4.40 Film: King of Comedy (Robert De Niro). 6.30 Ser. 7.80 Newyddion Saith. 7.15 Hapnodolig. 8.00 Gaucho. 10.00 Rygbit. Caerdydd y Pontypridd. 10.30 Tadada. 11.10 it's Got to be Funny Hasn't it. 12.10 am Closedown. TSW As London except: 12.00 midnight Tales of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning. YORKSHIRE 12.00 midnight Tries of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning, 12.30sm CHANNEL As London except: 12.00 midnight Tales of the Unexpected, 12.30em Weather and CENTRAL As London except: 12.00 midnight Tales of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning. 12.30m Closedown. ULSTER As London except: 9.25cm-9.30 Day Ahead. 12.00 midslight Tales of the Linexpected: Death in the Morning (Carol Drinkwater). 12.30cm News E Bedtime, Closedown. GRANADA 12.00 relatings Tales of the Unexpected: Destining the Maraing. 12.30em Gosedown. Ducking: Orville and Keith Harris are hosts at a party (4.35pm)

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.00 midnight Tales of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning. 12.30 Closedown.

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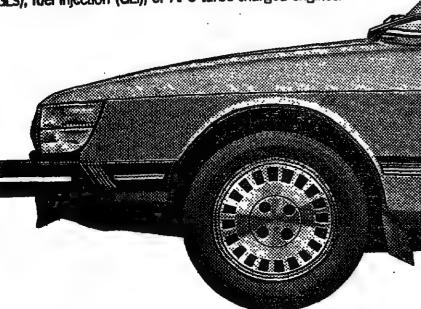
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Radio 4

TODAY

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Farming Today.
6.56 in Perspective with Rosemary Hartif 6.55 Weather, Travel; Programme News. News 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm, 7.50 in Perspective, 7.55 Weather,

Travel: Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Smash of the Day. Hancock's Half-Hour starring Tony
Hancock in 'The Christmas
Hand-Out' Hand-Out'. There is another Hancock's Half-Hour on Boxing

8.48 Breakzway. Holiday, travel, 8.48. Breakaway. Planty, kilaura. 9.00 News. Then back to Breakaway. 9.50 News Stand. Review of weekly Ti 10.05 The Week in Westminster. With Robert Carvel.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week. Programme

11.35 From Our Own Correspondent BBC correspondents report from around the world. 12.00 News: News Quiz of the Year (part 1) Simon Hoggart and his team remembers major and minor events of 1983.1 12.27 The First Helf Century. Alistair

The First Hear Century. Alistair Cooke takes a personal view of todial the In Britain and the USA from 1900-1950, as reflected in popular music of the day (4) A Time of Peace (1918-23).112.55 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping

Afternoon Theetre. "Missess Mine" by Judith Gick. Anna Barry as Anne Hathaway, Shekespeare's wife, in a radio version of the stage monologue, first performed at the 1981 Edinburgh Festival. 3.00 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Cambridge (the programme with, for millions of people,

wheth that the spritual message of Christmas is still coming through toud and clear The organ scholar is David Briggs, and the director of music, Stephen Cleobury.† 4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine 5.00 Wildlife. Listerers' topice.
5.25 The Mistletoe Bough. Some seasonal verse, prose and songs. With John Darran and Days Price. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Trans.

The Winged Boy (s/binsurel), A story by Mary Hayley Bell, Dramatized for radio. Music by Max Early. With Kate Binchy and MIL Littlese

7.26 70 Marvelious Years, Dame Angela Marvell celebrates her 70th birthday and talks to Peter MacReamoinn explores the origins of the Wexford carols.

origins of the Wexford carols. Saturday-Night Theatre: "The Holly and the kry! "Wynyard Browns. Much-lowed play, set in a country vicerage on Christmes Eve, 1950, where the tamily of the Rev Martin Gragory (Staphen Murray) are gathering for the festive season, He is foiced to face the fact that his relationship with his family has relationship with his family has changed radically. With Nors Nicholson, Jame Knowles and Isobel Black (r). 8.58 Weather.

10.10 News.

10.15 The Countryside at Christmas.
Wyntord Vaughen-Thomes
reflects on the testive season
with some country tales. With
Oxfordshire hand bells. 11.09 News: Old Christmas, James Mursen introduces Washington Irving a observations of England and its characters. Peter Mainker plays the writer. Midnight Mass from St John the Baptist Church, Chipping Shipping Forecast. ENGLAND VHF as above except: 8.25-8.30mm Weether;

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Weather, 8,00 News,
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The Barber of Begindad), Widor
(Centable), Milhaud (Suite:
Scaramouche: with Alfons and
Aloys Kontarsky, pianos), and
Respighi (Suite: Rossiniana)†.
News.
Percord Review: Joan Chiesell
on Schumann's Kindersoenem;
uri interview with John Elot
Gardiner, and a choral records

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Gardiner, and a choral records
review by Nicholes Kernyon. With
Paul Vaughant.

10.15 Stene Rolesse: Marc-Mitchine
Charpentier's Oratorio in
reviewent Domini canfloure and
W G Whittaler's Padm 1991.

11.15 Verne Philammenic Orchestre.
Mozart's Symph No 39 and, at
11.55, Bruckner's Symph No 91,
Interval reading at 11.50.

1.00 News.

1.05 Ravel and Haydn: Orlando String
Quartet play Ravel's Quartet in P
major, and Haydn: Orlando String
Quartet play Ravel's Quartet in D
major, Op 76, No 51.

2.00 Ernest Ansermet: Recordings of
his conducting of works by
Rossini, arr Respighti (overture
and tarantella, La boutique
fantasque), Stravinsky
(Divertimento: La better de ki
ice), Honegger (A Curistmas
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iee), Honegger (A Christmas Cantata). Bizet (Symph in C), Ravel (Arias of the Princess,

4.00 Brahma Violin and Viola Sonatus: with Zutamusin and Neikrug. The Op 78 and the Op 120, No 11

5.00 Jazz Record Requests: introduced by Peter Clayton. 5.45 Critics Forum; in the chair:

Netalie Wheen. The panel: Matthew Hoffman, J W Lambert

and Bryan Robertson, Topics include Peter Tegel's play Men's Group, (on Radio 3) and Condevelle at the National

Theatre.
Leonors: the two-act opera by Ferninand Pair. Sung in Italian. With the Milan Symphony Orch of Italian Radio, Heading the

cast: Ursulia Koszut (Leonora), Ezio di Cesara, Tultio Pane, Henzo Casellato, Krisztina Laki, Glancario Luccardi and Giorgio

Memories: Sir Relph Richardson reads from George Saintstury's

ballet, played by the Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by John Lanchbery.

8.05 Leonora: set two of the opera.
 9.15 The Sleeping Beauty: A performance of the whole of the music from the Tchalkovsky

7.50 Some Random Merton

On records

12.00 News, Until 12.03em.



Radio 4

News on the hour (except 2.00, 4.00, 8.00, 9.00 pm) headines 5.30, 5.30, 7.30 am (MF/MW).
5.00em George Ferguson. The Setunday Early Show.17.30 David Japobs.19.20 Sounds of the 60s with Kelln Ferdycs.110.35 Abum Time with Peter Cayton.111.30 Worls Therevel Yange Fer (The Kengy Fergus 15 Show). 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.39 Morning Has Broken: Music for Christmas day,16.50 Nativity Reading, 8.55 Weather; Travel; 7.90 News. 7.05 Peter Barkworth presents words and music for Craismass morning, 7.50 Nativity Reading. 7.56 Weather: Travel; Programme News. 8.00 News. Sunday. Clive James takes a seasonal look at the Christmas Church. 2.55 Weather: Travel;

Peter Clayton, 11,30 Wohs Therewe Ynnek Erit (The Kenny Everett Showt), 1.00pm Cliff Michelmore, 3.00 Paul Burnett Christman Special, 5.00 Fred Astaire – 50 years in Hollywood, 6.00 Pick of the Sporting Year. Tony Admision recalls the personalities, unecpecied moments, and achievements of the sporting year. 7.00 Beat the Record. Kellift Peroyca tests your musical knowledge. 7.30 A Festival of Christman Music recorded at the De Montfort Hall, Leicester, with the Leicester Profitermonic Choir and the BBC Concert Orchestra. 19.30 Big Band. 10.00 The Grumbleweeds' Christman Party. 11.00 Christman at the Dome. Christman schilles break out at The Dome, Brigtton. 12.05em Pete Murray's Late Show. 12.00-5.00 Bill Rannells presents You and the Night and the Music I Church, 8.55 Weather; Travel; Naws. Christmas Bells, Robert Hudson Civiatinas bells. 9.30 The Queen. A message for the

Commonwealth.

9.35 Morning Service. Christmas Day
Eucherist from Selebury The Archers. Omnibus edition. 11.30 Christmas Briers. Richard Briers with songs and comedy.

Radio 1 1.05 News. 1.10 News Review of the Year. News on the half-hour until 12.30 pm, the 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 8.30, 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00mm Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 'Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Larmy Henry. 2.00 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Saturday Live. Best moments from the year's programmes. 1 6.30 Christmas Rapping with quest presenters David Grant and Nick Beggs.† 7.30 Janica Long. 10.00 Christmas Eve With Paul Young direct from the Hammer smith Odeon, London Canutiness have departed in RPC 2). 2.00 The Countryside at Christmas, Wynford Vaughen-Thomas reflects on the feative season (r) Springs to Clear as Dictions by Constance Cox.

4.15 A Birthday at Bettfehem, by Brain Sirley.

4.45 An Enchantment of Roses with Karneth Mathews.

5.00 News Quiz of the Year. Part 2.1 constrains Eve With Paul Young direct from the Hammersmith Odeon, London (simultaneous broadcast with BBC 2.1 11,00-12.00 Gary Devies. VitiF Radios 1 and 2 5.00ers With Radio 2.1.00ps With Radio 1.7.30 With Radio 2.10.00 With Radio 1.12.00-5.00ers With Radio 2.2 10.00 With Radio 1.12.00-5.00ers With Radio 2.10.00 With Radio 2.10.00 With Radio 1.12.00-5.00ers With Radio 2.10.00 With Radio 2.10.00

Christmas 43. Dr Christopher Andrew looks back at warting radio from 40 years ago. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. Nows. Crisis at Christmas, Appeal by Lord Soper on behalf of Crisis

BOXING DAY

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Daybreak with Charles Cotyle. 6.55, Lat News;
8.05 Separah of the Day. Hancock's Half-Hour starring Tony Hancock is 'Chyletmus - East

Nows. Desert Island Olses Lord Tonypandy talks to Roy Promisy News; Travel; Points of

Departure (new series), in the first of five programmes, Christopher Matthew begins a resh collection of travellers'

Crotal And White, in the sequel

Croad And Wrise, in the sequest to Crowdel and Cream, Finisy J., Macdonaid continues the story of a growing crofiling community. Morning Story: "Mandy Kiss Morning' by Lance Satway, Read by Sandra Clark. Joy to the World (1) The Message of the Angel.1

Message of the Angel.† News; Loma Doone by R. D. Bladgoom. Dramatised for m

oc. Christmas 43. Dr Nove: Crestmas 45. Lr Christopher Andrew looks back at warfine radio. (r) Just a Minute with Kennem Wilsone, 12.55 Weather;

i The Sinking of the
'Schamborst'. 26 December
1945. A documentary telling the
story of the tast epic sea battle in
the history of naval warrens.
Written by Wendy Lloyd.
The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
Afternoon Theetre Trelawny',
by Autrey Woods, George
Rowell and Julian Stade. This
musical adaption of Arthur Wing

musical adaption of Arthur Wing Pinero's Treisway of the Wells has music and lyrics by Julian Stade. The cast is headed by

in 5 parts. Part ons.

News.
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Chearn style".(r) Quote . . . Unquote. (r)-

10.00

Atternoon Theatre 'Christmas At Dingley Dell' adapted from The Pickwick Papers and Christmas Stories of Charles Dickens by

Northamptonshire Christmas. A visit back in time to the village where the post John Clare was

norm. News; The Magic Carpet. Seven-part dramatisation by David Beatly of the story of the R101 airship. (5). 7.30 All Our Christmasses. As All Our Christmasses. As celebrated through the ages in life, literature, humour and song

Itle, literature, humour and song with Stephen Murray. (1).

1.15 Christmas Isn't What it Was with Glyn Worsnip.

3.00 A Cuckoo in the Nest. An adaptation from the novel and farce by Ben Travers. Starting Joan Hickson, Freddie James. Ian Lavender, Phoebe Nicholls and Manager Tyzaek. and Margaret Tyzack.

10.35 Name.
10.35 Name.
10.35 Behind the Chalet School A satus to the Chalet School girls.
18.50 The Festival of Peace. The Bishop of Middlesborough, the Rt Ray Augustina Harris, concludes his reflections on some of the themes of the 11.05 A People's Carol. Traditional Christmas carols from South

11.35 The First Half Century. Alistair Cooke takes a personal view of social life in British and the USA from 1900-1950, as mill case in popular music of the day (4) 12.00 Nows 12.10 Wester.

Radio 3

7.35 Washer, B.DO News.
8,05 The English Baroque: Ame's Thou soft-flowing Avon; J. C. Bach's Piano Concerto, Op 7, No 5; Boyce Anthems: I have surely built the an house; and Handel's Concerto Grosso in 8 flat, Op 6, No 7.†

8.00 News. 9.01 Your Civilinnes Chales: Resord Your Civiliannes Chuise Record requests. Berfact's overture The Flight into Egypt (Childhood of Christinas Mass in F. Daquin's Noel en dialogue. Schoenberg's Christmas Music, and Hely-Hutchinson's Carol Symphony. 1 Christmas Music with the EBC

Gary Bond, Joyce Carey, Dilys

Laye and Nige Stock.†
4.80 Down Your Way. Brian Johnston looks back on a year of

Curneying Story Time: "The Wind in the

Willows' by Kenneth Grahame (3). Read by Bernard Cribbins. News; The Magic Carpet. Seven-part dramatisation by David Beaty of the story of the R101 airship (5).

6.35 Eldins in Israel. Michael Elidina

5.35 Ekins in Israel. Michael Elkins talks about his own course through the history of modern Israel (1) Sunlight and Shadow.
6.00 The Sk. O'ctock News.
6.10 The Best of Maigret. A selection of plays from the series starring Simenon's detective. Tonight: Malgret Goes Home. With Maurice Denhem. (r)
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 It is Wise Man Came. Two teams of schoolchildren compete in Imagining what a Wise Man would say it he arrived in 1985.
7.46 Prefaces of Shakespears: The Two Gentlemen of Verons. With Geoffrey Hutchins.
5.00 The Monday Play. The Warden', by Anthony Trollops. Adapted by Roy Jenkins. With Timothy Batsaon, Alan Bernett, Jenny Seagrove, John Rys and Freddle Jones (as Trollops).

Don'tcher Knowl with Derek Beard and Devid Timson,

A Book At Bedtime: The Poleon Belt' by Sir Arthur Conen Doyle. Ambridge Encore. Highlights of the Ambridge Christness Reyus of 1982. 1

News, 12.10 Weather.

Radio 3

8.55 Wosther. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert: Telemenn's overture in C, Mozart's Violin Conc No 3 in G, K 216;

10.05 News. 10.05 Week Ending.† 10.30 a's the Handso

12,00

Singers and Margret Phillips (organ). (What sweeter music), Mathias (A babe is born), Poulenc's Four Christmas Motets, Hadley's I sing of a

Motats, Hadley's I sing of a maiden, Holst's This have I Done, air Rutter (Noel nouvelet) and Dupre's Variations on Noel nouvelet for organ solo.†

11.20 Chicago Symphony Orichestra: with Alfred Brendel, piano. Mozari's Piano Conc No 9 and. at 12 00 Mozari's Piano Conc No 9 and. at 12.00, Mozart's Piano Conc.

No 12.1 Interval reading at 11.55.

1.00 Schubert's Octet: The Nash
Ensemble play the Octet in F
major, D 803.1

2.80 Spanish Songs and Arias: A

reads three poems by Michael Drayton, and Vernon Scannell examines them.

2.55 Spenish Songs and Arias: part two. Works by Morano-Torroba, Gimenez, Pablo Luna and Manuel Fernandez Caballero.†

3.35 John Lill: recital. We hear Beethoven's Sonata in F, Op 54; Charles Busine Fatheries P.

5.30 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: A recording of yesterday's service from King's College, Chapel, Cambridge. † Sir Thomas More: Radio version by Penny Gold of a play presumed to have been penned by William Snakespeare and others. Music specially written by Philip Lane. Starring lan Mokellern as Sir Thomas More. Also starring Cyri Luckhern (as Shrewsbury), Jean Trend (Ledy More), David Gooderson (Surrey), Carole Boyd (Doll V/Mianson) and John Webb

(Catesby.) † 9.00 Brahms's Symphonies: A performance of the Symphony Stravinsky's Eight Instrumentel

Miniatures, for chamber orchestre.!

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Morning Concert: part two. Holst's Suite in F, Op 28, No 2, for military band: Byrd's The Woods so Wild; Francesco da Milano's Fantissa: in C minor; Francis Cutting's Packington's Pounds; Delius's Brigg Fair, and Grainger's Lincolnshire Posy.*

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Grainger's Lincolnshire Posy.*
Nows.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Ottorino Respighi. The Symphonic Poem Fountains of Rome; Ancient Airs and Dances for the Lure (Suite No 1), and the Quarietto Dorico.†
Fauré Piano Music: Bernard Roberts plays the Barcarolle No 13 in Cimajor, and the Nine Preludes, Op 103.

10.30 Amoid Bax Centernary: the Pive Fantasies on Poliah Civistmas Carols: Kinder-Katechsmus (Wagner), and Bax's The Bard of

Caros: Nnoger-hatscrasmus
(Wagner), and Bax's The Bard of
the Dimbovitze.†
Amadeus String Trio: Mozart's
String Trio movement in G, K
ANH 86. Schubert's String Trio
movement in B flat, D 471; and
Besthoven's String Trio in G, Op
8. No 1;

12.15 Britin's Symphonies: The Berlin Phil, under Karajan, play the No 4.1

1.90 News. 1.96 Brahm's Symphonies: The No 2, played by the Berlin Phil, under

Ground: The Symphony of the Air, the Philharmonic Orch of Mexico, the Boston Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic in works by Vita-Lobos, Chavez, Ives (Three Pisces in New England), Copland (Appelachian Spring ballet suita) and Gershwin (Phapsody in Blue). the State of Coulson, in St Michael's and All Angels Church, Croydon, 7.15 Fidelic: Beethovan's two-sciopera. Lorin Mazzel conducts the Vienna Phil Orch and State Opera Chorus, with Eva Marton as Leonore, Tom Krause, Theo Adam, James King, Libian Watson, Thomas Moser and Aage Haugland. Part of the 1983

played by the Berlin Phil, under Karajan.†

1.80 Schubert: Berlamin Luxon (baritone) with David Willison (plano) in a performence of Schwarengesseng, D 957.†

1.00 New Records: Sullivan's overture in Di ballo; Mozant's Traurighalit ward mir zum Lote (Lucia Popp). Bach's Sonatis in A for flute and harpsichord, SWV 1032; Haydn's String Quartet in D minor, Op 78 No 2; Mozant's Mi tradi quell'elma Ingritta (Lucia Popp), Ponchiell's il convengno; and Mussorgsky, orth Ashkonazy (Pictures from an Exhibition).†

No 3, given at this year's Satzburg Festival by the Berlin Philharmonio Orchestra-conducted by Herbert von Karajan. The Symphony No 1 can be heard at 9.55. † 9.35 Light in the Darkness: A

Christmas Day sermon by the Most Rev and At Hon Robert Runce, Archbishop of Canterbury.
9.55 Brahms's Symphonies:
Symphony No 1 in C minor. From the Salzburgh Festival

10.45 Bach: Gienn Gould, piano, piaya the Partita No 5 in G, BWV 828; and the Toccata in C minor, BWV 911, † 11.15 News, Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 10.00am, 12.00, 3.00, 5.00 and 8.00pm) (MF/MW) 5.00am Don Maclean and George Ferguson at The Children's Hos Birminghamt, 7,30 Good Mornin Birminghamt, 7.30 Good Morning Christmas. Bishop Bill Westwood join the boys of St Faul's Cathedral Choir Schoolt, 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for You including 10.00 The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth, 11.00 Desmond Carrington's Rainbow Connectiont, 1.00pm The Sleeping 11.00 Desmond Carmigon's Hashow Connection! 1.00pm The Sleeping Beauty. A traditional pantomime for Christmas. With Terry Wogan, Jimmy Young, June Whitfield and Kenneth Connort. 2.00 Ed Stewart with Forces' Favourites. Music, dedications, requests linking servicemen and women with the folks back home!. 4.00 Sing Something Simple, With The Cell Adams Singerst. 4.30 The Fosdyke Saoz (last in series) starring Stephanie Adams Singerst, 4.30 The Poscyke
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Night with Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame
Hidd Brecket. 7.30 Grand Hotel with
May Latte and the Pain Court. Max Jaffa and the Palm Court Orchestra. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour from Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Bellast, 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes with Alan Keith, 10.00 Rostal and

Schaefer entertain you at two planos, with Julian Lloyd Webber, 10.30

4.55 News. 5.60 Orchestras on their Home Ground: The Symphony of the

Asge Haugland. Part of the 1983 Salzburg Festival. Act one.† A Sentence for Tyranny: George Gornori, Lecturer in Slavonic

Studies at Cambridge University reflects on the life and times of the Hungarian poet Gyula illyes.

9.00 Fidelics the second and final

10.10 The Sunbather: Vivienna Dixon

reads the short story by Brian McCaba.

10.30 Jazz Today: Charles Fox looks back over the past year.

11.15 News, Until 11.18.

5.00cm Ray Moora! 3.00 Terry Wogan.! 10.00 David Hamilton's Music Show.! 12.00 The Beatles at Christmas. The voices of the favourite four and their past Christmas hit records.! 1.00 The Grumbleweeds' Christmas Party.! 2.00 Sport on 2: Football: Comprehensive coverage, inclinom 3.55 second-half commentary. Racing from Kempton (2.15) The King

from 3.55 second-helf commentary, Rading from Kempton (2.15) The King George VI Chase, 5.00 Sports Report, Incl 5.00 Classified Football Results, 5.00 Rugby round-up, 8.50 Pools news and results, 6.00 John Dunn, 7.30 Alam Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era.† 8.30 Humphrey Lyttelton with The Beart of Juzz † 9.30 Star

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Radio 1 News 8.30: 8.30, 10'30am, 12.30-3:36 5.00, 7.50, 10.00pm.and 12.00 midnigh

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8.00am Mark Page, 8.00 Tony.

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FILM QUIZ

This is a one-liner, not a headline.

He wasn't James Bond in those days, either. "I'm an accountant, not Houdini", is a line from Frightened City, an early Scan Connery film and it provides a fine example of a screenwriting tradition that stretches back to the early days of talkies: the outlandish negative comparison.

This device, which we might as well refer to as the ONC, has many functions. It advances the story, letting the audience know who's who ("I'm a clairvoyant, not a pork butcher" - Claude Rains in The Clairoyani, 1934) and where's where ("This is Algiers, not Paris" - Pépé le Moko, 1936); and it enlivens the dialogue by rounding off the information colourfully, disguising from the audience the fact that they've been fed a fact ("This is a rehearsal, not a rest cure" - Forty-Second Street, 1933).

The above are the earliest examples of the above are the earliest examples of the ONC that I have encountered ... and over 40 years later we find it still going strong as Ian Hendry gets Danien - Omen 2 off to a solid start by telling Leo McKern, "I'm an archaeologist, not a religious fanatic". The two of them are buried alive almost immediately afterwards, suggesting that, like a pair of Shakespearean lords, they have discharged their duty to the plot and are therefore superfluous.

But at least they have had their moment. Another important use of the ONC is to give an actor with a minor role a more interesting line to get his or her teeth into - especially if their scene is with the star of the picture. Instead of being just a boring woman character, how much stronger and more rewarding to be able to announce to Jack Palance in The Big Knife: that "I'm a woman, not a diplomat". To make Sylvester Stallone stand and listen in Paradise Alley as you describe his brother as "a fighter, not a broken toaster". To wash your hands of, yet remain superior to, the disintegrating Tyrone Power in Nightmare Alley with the classic 1940s putdown "I'm a psychologist, not a judge".

My files don't reveal whether this last actor was used again in The Greatest Show on Earth: James Stewart, as the clown on

the run. asks the cop who arrests him what his fate will be... and is told "I'm a policeman, not a judge". If it was the same outlandish, or to put it another way "This actor, it's nice to think that his handling of the ONC in Nightmare Alley might have landed him the job. All this may seem like the small change of movies, but it can be a career highlight to the bit-player.

Not that the stars don't have to make the odd ONC themselves, though if the "O" is not Outlandish but merely Ordinary the result can be embarrassing. For example, what chance does poor George Segal (not long after being told in Fun with Dick and Jane that he is an aerospace executive, (not a real estate salesman) stand with "I'm an inspector, not an engineer" in Roller-coaster. Or George C. Scott ("I'm a king, not a chemist") in Beauty and the Beast? Burt Lancaster in The Train fares much

'I run a hotel, not a madhouse'

better with a couple of crackers: "We're working on a locomotive, not a pocket-watch" and "I'm a milroad man, not a propher", which are almost trumped by Jeanne Moreau's "I run a hotel, not a

The Train is a story of the French Resistance, and the negative comparison has long been used as a way of expressing foreign characteristics in Hollywood and British films, such as Gallic nonchalance ("This is a ship, monsieur, not a taxi"—

Journey into Fear. 1942) and Nazi sarcasm
("This is a labour camp, not a kindergarten"—the Boulting Brothers' Pastor Hall, 1940). This convention combines with the need for juicy star dialogue to produce three lovely comparisons, sending The Train right to the top of my ONC chart. Also up there is the British B-feature

Checkpoint, which boasts "You're a businessman, Michael, not a gangster" and "I'm a driver not a time-keeper", both within the space of a minute. And while it is true that one may spot the odd distinguished contribution, like Graham Greene's "I'm a painter, not a soldier" in

is a morgue, not a public art gallery" (Plague of the Zombies). Like Sean Connery, Stratford Johns made several such films early in his career. He, however, wasn't an accountant, but a detective, in 2-Wdy Alibi; be was also "a policeman, not an Egyptologist" in Cairo. Accountants, detectives, policemen ...

these, together with doctors and lawyers, are the ONC professions, and it is a dull writer indeed who is content merely to pair them off to achieve an effect (eg "I'm a doctor, not a policeman"— The Interedible Melting Man). As with so many other things, the ONC reached its lowest ebb at the end of the 1950s, with "I'm a doctor, not a lawyer" (Compulsion) and "I'm a lowest ebb at the condition of the lawyer of the state of the lawyer of the state of the lawyer of the state of the lawyer o lawyer, not a doctor" (The Trials of Osean B'ilde) appearing virtually together.

So let's play a game. Among the hundred or more films on television this Christmas, there are bound to be several dozen examples of the Outlandish Negative Comparison. See how many you can spot, then award them marks: the highest going to the most extreme, taking into account the occupation of the character or nature of the place, the comparison made, the eminence of the actor or acress making it, and the importance of the film. As a warm-up, try and match the following ONCs:

a) "I'm an orderly, not a psychiatrist" "This is a restaurant, not a

gymnasium"
"I'm a hooker, not an information bureau'

to these recent films: 1) Shoot the Moon

Answers: '82 '07 'q[

2) Heatwave 3) An American Werewolf in London Unfortunately, there won't be any prizes for competitors. I'm sorry, but I'm an occasional contributor to The Times, not

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From the polls to Pole Pole, it has been

a year to remember. But Robin Young wonders how much you've forgotten . .

WEATHER OR NOT

- (i) Which winter was the coldest in living memory; a: 1980-1981
- b= 1981-1982 c= 1982-1983? (2) Which was the wettest June since, 1879:
- c: 1983? (3) Which was the wettest April since 1940: a: 1981 b: 1982
- c: 1983? (4) July 1983 was the hottest since:
- **d:** 1659? (5) On how many days in July 1983 were temperatures in England and Wales over 80°F (27°C)?
- For nine weeks in 1983
- Britain had 2½ times the normal amount of rain. Did this wet period start in mid: a: March b: April c: May?
- Traffic on the M40 in Buckinghamshire was disrupted on May 21, 1983. Was it by: a: molten tarmac in a temperature of 76°F b: three-inch hailstones c: 1/3 of an inch of rain
- d: 3 inches of snow? (8) One day in 1983 was the coldest ever recorded on Earth. Was
- a: January 10 b: April 1 c: July 21 d: December 14?
- (9) Which of these is not thought to have influenced the weather in 1983: a: El Nino b: El Chichon
- d: Le Mistral? What defended London against the weather for the first time on February 2?

c: La Camorra

MYSTERY HEADLINES

Can you remember the

- (1) Use of royal scarlet
- Kelpers bitter over visit Faust sung by pop star too much for Moreow
- (4) No cream sauce for Mitterrand (5) Massacre of the
- innocents Tories 'resign in droves' Head's wife puts cat among the pigeons
- Boat race brings best of British to Manhattan
- (9) Desert troops forbidden to wear medal
- (10) Woman who knew spy stood in local poll
- (11) Sierra campaign in trouble
- Siberian mammoth goes to the dogs

ANIMALS

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Jack Russell terrier? What world record was claimed for Zeya, a Siberian tigress?

(8) What did Pole Pole mean?

emperor to do with defence policy?

(11) What 90 per cent ruination was effected by Andricus quercus calicis?

WHO SAID.

- in very unbecoming circumstances.
- "No one gives a fig for Commandments any
- "What is wrong with the world today is greed, immorality and
- (5) "It's because I'm so very ordinary really".
- the story of a little sheet carrying a bean
- documents which can be individually tested: it coheres as a whole". "The Parkinsonism
- operation. It would need three armoured. tanks, a couple of helicopters with machine guns and Para to stop us." "A little English

of death: a: a Harvey

caused by Henry, a

(7) In what guise did David Agulnik astonish Princess Michael of Kent?

(10) What animal was reproved by a London

(12) What was variously

- "The worst national disaster for 100 years."
- at its peril.
- lepravity." (6) "Nobody believed in

- phenomenon of no special interest."

(9) What have the stone curlew and the purple

magistrate?

said to be a puma, a mongrel, and a lurcher

ABOUT WHAT

- (1) "I left home last week
- society disregards them
- pole."
 "The archive, in fact, is not only a collection of
- was really the clinching point."
 (9) This is a military
- about 600 men from 2

MURDERS

- more but unhappily
- brown man dressed in a

(1) Identify the instrument Wallbanger, a Mickey Finn; Pernod on the

Nine crowning glories. Can you tell to whom they belong?

rocks; a bottle of about it™? Champagne while making love. b: a cummerbund; a cravat; a punk-necklace

of razor blades and swastikas; a collection of neckties.
c: Dr Scholl's sandals;
Doc Marten boots; stiletto-heeled winklepickers; exploding wellies. d: a bottle of ruby port: a ruby kiss; a ruby ring;

a "Jack Ruby was Innocent" placard. e: a Christmas tree; a Christmas cracker, a Christmas card; a Christmas present. Can you identify the positions held by these

victims, and where they died? a: Benigno Aquino b: Lee Burn Suk c: Issam Sartawi d: Edgar Graham

(3) How many people convicted of homicide are currently free in England and Wales? (4) How many people were convicted for the

murder of Aldo Moro? Who said a propos a murder case: "I really could not see why there was such a big hoo-ha

With regard to whose murder was the score Hofdemel 60 votes, Sussmayer 39 votes, Salieri 28 votes?

Explain. QUOTABLE

QUOTES Who said:
(1) I just cannot stand hot

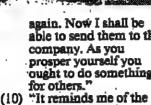
(2) "I find so much to emulate in Winston." (3) "I am not prepared to

stagger from compromise to compromise." "I will continue to be the essence of sweet

reasonableness." "There is no definition of the poverty line."
"I think I could handle a landslide."

(7) "I had a caesarean myself: I know about (8) "I cannot accept responsibility for those who strike themselves

out of a job.' "I have got one or two single gloves at home which I kept in the hope of finding the other half of the pair



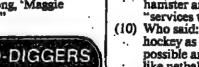
GOLD-DIGGERS

- (1) How did Diane Bilanelli get about
- ride? (3) Who said: "It will be
- name her?
 - disharmony? (6) Who said: "I was not aware that political expediency was
 - three years to become "a more marketable

able to send them to the ought to do something

old song, 'Maggie May'."

- £53m?
- port wine next time.'
- (5) Where did Sabine
 - sufficient grounds for
 - Who went to Newnham College, Cambridge, for commodity"?



OF 1983

- (2) What did Dr Sally
- (4) Miss World 1975 became Bruce Forsyth's third wife. Can you
- Meyer cause
- an abortion under the 1967 Act"?

- (8) What did Stephanie Grant do with her four A-levels? (9) Who was reported to
 - have won two distinctions at school, one for best-kept hamster and one for
 - services to others"? (10) Who said: "I gave up hockey as soon as possible and I didn't like netball because I used to get woif whistles because of my

short skirts"? POLITICS

- (1) Who called whom "the plutonium blonde"?
- Who was described as "a constitutional enormity"?
 (3) Who likened the Communist Party to the Society of Friends
- as "self-effacing people who did a lot to keep the flag flying"?
 (4) Who considered whom incapable of knocking
- the skin off a rice pudding? (5) Who was described as "a dangerous and unstable figure with a node on the rising.

Uranus''? (6) How did Esmond

- Bevan distinguish himself politically on February 24,1983? (7) Who recommended that in the event of nuclear war farmers should drive their cows into deep lane ditches
- and throw tarpaulins over them? (8) Who thought whom "a good socialist with many admirable qualities - it is a great pity these are marred by his macho-heterosexism"?
- Who was sacked as a columnist by Titbits? Who considered a Ford Sierra 1.6 "a smashing

DIED IN 1983

- Who... (1) was beneficiary in 132 wills and left
- bequests to 20 women?was also know as Ronald Wycherley? ... choked to death on a
- bottle cap? .bequeathed the Holy Shroud of Turin to the Vàtican?

- (5) ...had been described (10) ...loved cats and tried as "a fat man whose gift for public suffering had enlisted the sympathy of a sentimental
- people"? ...conked out? ...was brother of Canada's first
- Canadian-born Governor-General? (8) ... died of MND, also known as Lou Gemrig's
 - girl's eye sliced in half by a razor and a dead

donkey on a grand

piano?

- (9) ...came to fame via a
- to kill his father? (11) ... collapsed at the despatch box? ...was "the greatest foreign novelist since
 - Joseph Conrad who haspaid us the compliment of writing in the English tongue"? (13) ... was twice International Reporter

of the Year? Answers on page 24



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Old meets new in the majestic wilderness where the conquering heroes are the dogs

Mr Kelly Nicholaissen is a between Reykjavik in Iceland genial and optimistic Dane who and Kulusuk we looked down on would probably thrive as a the Denmark Straight, its salesman of sand to Arabs or surface packed with ice. At first submarines to the Swiss. His the cover appeared thin and current speciality is winter holidays in Greenland. He waves a large, thickly mitted fist at the stupendous view from his hotel window across the rooftops of Angmagssalik in east armour against a land where and cheerfully lares that spring has arrived. The days are lengthening as March progresses, the view is offen clear across the ford and re are fewer sudden, sniping rms from the north.

But to a European eye, Kelly's springtime looks suspicipusly like a winter that is reluctant to let go its hold. The miountains are thickly quilted with snow and the late-afternoon temperatures turn breath frost. A huddle of vessels anchored incongruously in the ice mark the point where land and sea meet. But for anyone seeking tranquillity who can appreciate the motionless power an iceberg and dramatic landscapes wrought by extreme cold, Greenland is the place.

Our party of six was there to le across this impressive wilderness in the traditional Greenland way - on dog-drawn edges. It is a land little changed since the first explorers arrived; the world's biggest land with a central ice cap 10,000ft thick ringed by mountains and a wildly indented coast. A population the size of spread across a country 52 times the size of Denmark, which includes Greenland within its kingdom although home rule was granted in May 1979. It is little touched tourism but is making an effort through enthusiasts like Kelly to attract visitors to its stark scenery and the distinctive way of life in the small honting communities on the east Green-

"Coast" hardly describes this particular meeting between land and sea. From the small, twinengined_aircraft flying high

Holidays in Greenland expeditions and compli-ged from 24 May to 1 Regent Holidaya (UK) Ltd.,

unconsolidated, then it became dotted with squadrons of icebergs that had fractured away from the polar zone. Instigre the ice formed impenetrable

At Kulusuk the aircraft touched down beseath a high cliff upon which stand the domes that are a strand of Dewline, the American radar system employed to detect-any Russian mischief passing over-head. A Greenlandair helicopter spurs of empty land and deeply frozen fiords to Angrasssalik: The hotel is firmly anchored

to its hilltop, shutters at the ready. Inside it was warm and

comfortably appointed in cheer

was a fine view of the villag and a cobweb of sledge tracks running to infinity across the ice. From here it would be a step back in time, with all the movement dog-powered. Kelly pocketed his cordless telephone. He has been "nego-tiating" with the local weather station. Tomorrow the con-ditions would be good he said, the dogs would be ready at nine. A dog's life in the pejorative sense must have been coined for the Eskimo breed. They sleep in the open through the fierce winter, insulated by their thick, shaggy coats and turning to motionless lumps on the ground as the snow builds over them.

bargain and next day was brittle clear. Ten sledges, the largest number the village had seen for years, assembled on the fiord and as time approached for a mass start the dogs grow more and more excited. The Greenland sledge has been developed over the centuries into a tough, functional vehicle, each one pulled by a team of six or eight dogs. The passenger languishes comfortably on a skin rug while the driver rides between the steering struts or walks when the going gets steep, urging on the dogs with Greenland oaths occasional crack of the

The weathermen kept their

Sledges are still in use but modern Greenlanders have a taste for the fast, motorized. skidoos that scream and bounce



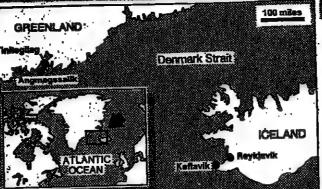
acrois the landscape at four across the landscape at four times the best speed of a deg-drawn caledge. When we were overtaken by a rino of these rowdy vehicles; I felt as if I was travelling up the MI in a solution. As aledge it certainly more majoritic. The doss scamper purposefully along on the flat and transite headlong downhill as the sledge threatens to overtake the team, forcing the driver to put all his weight on the classicated metal class at the stern that bites into the snow

and slows progress.

A half-day introductory dash across the fiord enabled visitors to get their stodge legs, followed by: a day tour, to Iliated where the village livelihood is from hunting bears and seals. This journey included a sledge descent of a frozen waterfall. Nervous souls may get off and

The next two days covered a tour to Tinitegilas, another hunting community on Sermilik Fiord, the birthplace of great icebergs that break away from aciers of the ice cap and

The sledge convoy was greeted outside the village by a large crowd of children, noisy,



friendly and easer to investigate the visitors. They live in a cluster of sturdy wooden houses, dotted around a hillside overlooking the frozen flord. Their hardy and fragile life is based on a mainstay of scal hunting, but this is now fireatened by conservation-minded folk who are campaign-ing against the use of seal skins for coats and for the trinket

It is inconceivable to the villagers that their hunting activities could endanger the seal colonies, but without the income from the skins they fear their own community might be

more sinister threats to the traditions in this isolated corner of the world. Urban values have crept in and alcoholism has become a serious problem despite price levels that amount to a prohibition. Heavy drinking in a community where rifles are a commonplace has also produced an alarmingly high murder rate.

But this is not at all an undercurrent in Tinitegilag. where the village veterans plead for a return to the old values They say there is strong political pressure now to turn the tide on an era represented by videos, smart fashion, rowdy skidoos and cordless telephones.

We spent the night in a hut that was completely buried in snow. Kelly and his helpers dug their way down to the door and soon the chimney, protruding above the snow surface, was smoking busily and the invisible hut became snug.

Also visiting was a party from the British Schools Exploring Society known particularly to the locals as adudadus. The term is entirely polite and dates back to the time when Gino Watkins, a very well brought up. British explorer, devoted a lot of time to the Greenland coast. Wherever he went he introduced himself to the locals with a polite "Flow do you do?" which they turned into a quain noun that has stuck ever since.



Details of the 10-day holiday are available from Twickenham Travel, 84 Hampton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex (01-898 9681). The 998-package includes all flights, bed and breakfast in Reyldavik and all meals and accommodation in Greenland. Thermal boots and

keting Research Bureau. Two

and a half million people go there in a year. There are never fewer that 70,000 foreigners in

the town, the deputy mayor, my

begun to loom: Whither Beni-

dorm? Representatives of Ara-

bian oil megamagnates, in town

recently seeking undertakings

centre of mass tourism. It was

time to expand in another

direction, catering for a more

demanding clientele with a

greater purchasing power. Well,

the Arts. But not in summer

time. Long live Benidorm as it

is, I say. May it continue to

draw the millions who enjoy it

Peter Black

as it is, and would go some

where else if it did not exist.

Thomson offer 28 nights at Los

hobid for £218.

Hanchos apartments for £115 including flight. The same company has 28 nights half-board in a 3-star

Viajes Alameda on the Avenida Rincon de Loix is a useful letting agency to call on. Winter rents start at \$25 a week behind the front and

rise to £35 for one overlooking the sea. Independent flights to Alicante cost £180 for a scheduled flight or

about £90 on one of the bargains

avallable. Brittany Ferries (Plymouth, 0752-263388) have a

car ferry service from Plymouth to

samanoer, wherea behald in a two day's easy driving and one day's hard. Recommended reading: Bertitz Travel Guide to the Costa Blunca.

that's what the man said.

investing anything.

Nevertheli

Fashionable forays along the Riviera

Tobias Smollett, Scottish physician and writer, let the cat out of the bag when he published Travels Through France and Italy in 1766: Three years carlier, heartbroken after his only daughter's death from consumption, this Dumbartonshire gentleman left England to spend 10 months in Nice where he alternately praised and damned the locals and their habits and appalled them by bathing in the sea. His journal tickled the fancy of the English aristocracy who set out to pass the winter in what promised to be a temperate climate amid beauty and history.

Smollett offered a perfect deal. No holiday brochure could have done better. What Englishman could fail to be enticed by his description of a view from Nice ramparts? "The plain presents nothing but gardens, full of green trees, loaded with oranges, lemons, citrons, and bergamots, which make a delightful appearance; all sorts of sallading, and pot-herbs, in perfection; and plats of roses, carnations, ranunculas, anemonies, and daffodils, blowing in full glory, with such beauty, vigour, and perfume, as no flower in England ever exhi-bited."

And of the climate: "Many people, even of condition, at Nice, have no fire in their chambers, during the whole winter." And for sights: "There are considerable monuments of antiquity in the neighbour-hood", which he then described at length.

Tourism had arrived on the Riviera. And it has grown ever since. At first the magnet was the winter climate. Throughout the nineteenth century and up until the First World War, this was the season when European rulers and nobility gathered in to see and be seen. Fashionableness increased with the construction of the Promenade des Anglais by the British inhabitants in 1822 and accessibility with the arrival of the railway in 1863. Later, painters came, attracted by the strong light and colours. Renoir. Bonnard, Picasso, Chagall; many more settled there and Matisse lived mainly in Nice for over 30 years. Their legacy is the glorious museums of their works that pepper the coastal

and hilltop villages.

In 1922, a certain Mr and Mrs Murphy, a wealthy American couple who were the inspiration for the characters of the Divers in Scott Fitzgerald's Tender is the Night, were staying at Cole Porter's villa at Cap d'Antibes. They did the unthinkable: bathed and loungod on the sand in the full sun. Young society followed their lead and the tables were turned. Where previously business was slack and prices low during the hot season, hotel charges and villa rents now soared in the summer when the bright young arrived. And it has been the same ever since. In the winter, the Promenade and gaming tables see action only from elderly travellers escaping from

into which they might pour some money, left without the northern cold. Tobias Smollett can have had little idea that his journal would spokesman said that Benidorm be the springboard for two had gone as far as it could as a centuries of British tourism. And Augustus Hare, another literary visitor to these parts. might be equally surprised at how little the villages and hillsides have suffered since his forays into the countryside So there may yet be a theatre during a winter sojourn at and opera house, a Benidorm Literary Prize and Festival of

Menton. This is especially true of the area between Nice and the concrete 468 acre principality of Monaco. The lower corniche road wiggles between the steep hills and the azure Mediterranean that gave the area its name. Instead of the ubiquitous French camping sites and hotels that litter most of the Midi, stately, old and elegant, modern villas line the road and dots the hillsides, their walls festooned with crimson and

Neither King Leopold II of Belgium, the Duke of Connaught nor Somerset Maugham changed the little fishing cove of St-Jean on the isthmus of Cap Ferrat very much. Locals sit over a vin rouge in dimly lit cases along the narrow streets, a

purpie bougainvillaca.

ous, overfilled Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Baroness Ephrussi, a Rothschild by birth and taste, bought Tiepolo ceilings, eighteenth century Parisian panel-ling, Florentine doors and anything else that came her way. She continued to amass booty while the villa was being constructed, so confusing her numerous architects that on completion it was found that not one had remembered to put in a staircase.

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Villefranche lies further along the coast. Tunnelled and stepped alleys smelling of garlic. tomatoes and herbes de Provence lead down between red and other houses to a harbour lined with restaurants and cafes. Their menus tempt passers-by with fixed price gourmet meals for £6-£8, or with La Belle Bouihabaise - an exotic fish stew, complicated to prepare and a marathon to eat.

Up in the hills, the medieval villages are hardly changed. And even the remotest boasts a family-run restaurant serving good, inexpensive Provencal food - more fish soup, hare, lamb and lemon tart. Ezc. behind La Turbie, is the nearest and so a bit too popular. But



Pablo Picasso: Settled from the Chateau Eza at the top

of the village the views are breathtaking. Tiny balconies jut out from the castle wall over a sheer drop of 1,300ft to the sea. Further into the hills, up narrow zig-zagging roads that sometimes take a short cut through a cliff, are the more isolated villages of Peillon and Peille. And, perched above Menton, Ste Agnes claims to be the highest village in the area. Looking across the valley to the lush mountains, their slopes glowing with flowering broom in June, Smollett's praise is still justified: "The plantations extend to the very tops of the hills, interspersed with villages, caschurches, and Indeed the whole Riviers is ornamented in the same manner, except in such places as admit of no building nor

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Bingo! Bango! Bravo! It's Benidorm published by the British Mar-

Benidorm in October is not, a bad place to be. The waves of Wallies, as the travel industryreceded. Those whom the Speniards call "the third age", las personas mayoras, are tricking in for the late vacation or the long winter stay. Adior les doscamisados, vivan los desden-

tedos is the cry.

Evidence of the great occupation kingers in the shop signs and the menus outside the and the menus outside the popular bars and restaurants. Twenty years ago the menus were written in Spanish, however internationalized the dishes. "Camarero; what are croquettas de lobo de mar? "Croquettas of sea-wolf, senor. Fishcakes." But there is no time now for such refinements. Empenads al Duque de Corn-wall and Bifter bicado al estilo

de postor are plain cornish pesty and shepherd's pic. But, as my hosts pointed out with soute emphasis, there are dozens of places for those that want them where one can eat good. Spanish food, Ask the pearest expatriate.

They took me to La Pergola, t very up-market restaurant on the north end of the waterfront. Its windows look back along the sweep of the bay that brings the millions, the seven kilometres of golden sand of the Playa de Levante, a darker patch representing the village from which

In October the days are hot and the evenings balmy. It was seven o'clock when I arrived. I joined early drinkers in the Bar Antwerpen, in time to see a

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Peace at last: A quiet stroll by the boat harbour in Benidorm

pleasant touch of human kindliness. The four-piece orchestra stuck up the Wedding March. Everyone smiled and applauded. The couple thus honoured exchanged looks of beatific sheepishness and the moment entered their store of good times.

There'd be an orchestra Bingo! bango! Playing for us To dance the lan And people would clap When we arose. At her sweet face

And my new clothes A haunting little poem by Scott Fitzgerald which stuck in my head at first reading and has refused to leave it.

and Australia, though its gold pours down from the sky. The ence is that those towns yearsed upwards, and built-opera houses and theatres for Sarah Bernhardt and Macready and Jenny Lind and Lola Montez to appear in. Benidorm has stuck to its brief nothing too cerebral. Gorgeous sun and sea by day; at night barbecues, discotheques, nightclubs and restaurants and such other fleshly mischief as is desirable and procurable; to which, in nn and winter, will suc-

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tyme dancing, courses in rug weaving and flower arrange-

The target of entertainment is the audience reflected by the international top ten television programmes and the place to see this Benidorm in full cry is the Benidorm Palace, an enter tainment centre said to have the biggest stage in the world.

Streams and flashes of

coloured lights poured over the

barebreasted dancers and the

audience. There were only four players in the band, but thanks to what Churchill called the lights of a perverted science they were making enough noise for 400. The audience sat at little tables drinking the sweet sparkling wine such places sell. In the pace of its development Benidorm resembles the gold rush towns of California Among them, making their way between the tables with halting gait, I saw quite a number of old Brits. The music could not have meant much to them. Perhaps they were waiting for the

> accomplished transvestite who would imitate Marilyn Monroe and Edith Piaf. Benidorm is the most popular resort town in the world, according to figures

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Selina Scott, of BBC's Breakfast Time, has recently been quoted



Derek Jacobi is captivating andiences (and Sinead Cusack) as dreading becoming an old as Benedick in the RSC's Much maid, but her choice should help Ado About Nothing at the



Glenys Kinnock battles fiercely to keep life as normal as possible for her two children Stephen and Rachel. Her choice



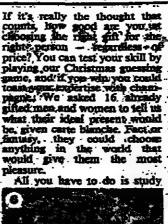
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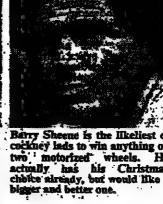
Thompson broke the decathlon record last year and is acclaimed as the gree ever all-round athlets. His choice would certainly give him



Richard Ingrams, super satirist, is aditor of Private Eye. In view of one of his most long-standing fends with a public figure, his choice for Christmas is at least



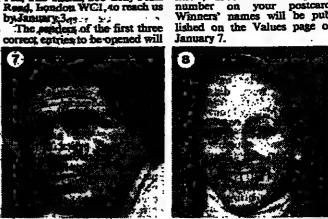




the red betrings. If, for instance, you think Leo McKern wants a magic carpet and Shirley Conran would like a trip in a space shuttle you should write 12-G, 9-H and so one

Answers on posterds, please, to Christmas Values, Room

Actives: Judi Dench's ideal Barry Sheene is the likeliest of Clare Francis, the windswept holiday is to go camping on a cockney lads to win anything on girl who beat the Atlantic remote Scottish island with her two motorized wheels. He single-handed, is now a dollar number of the strength of the stren



single-handed, is now a dollar millionairess and best-selling,



Shirley Couran best-selling author, lives the life of a tax exile who plays Monopoly with real bouses. Granting her Christmas wish would be a bit

Pro Proceed



Lord Howard, former chairman of the BBC, lives at Castle Howard, setting for Brideshead Revisited. To achieve his Christ-





voice and Toby jug face, is best known as Rumpole of the Bailey in the ITV series, He was born in Australia, and his choice





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the a spible. Who else but the author of the Folen diet? Our gift is to arrange a weekly consultation with Audrey Byton (not something she dose in resitty). Unfortunately, the recipient will have to pay. Audrey finds from years of experience with stimmers that what motivities, them is having to commit themselves to paying a lot of money. A resular weightn by someone else is the months at £100 a week "with a touch of the lash and a lot of the carnot" to be effective. So this present is going



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Simple. This 100-year-old Beluchi rug was one of a bale bought by a broker. The minute she sold it for 250 everything

The minute sits sold it for 250 everything started to go wrong, so she bought it back three days later for 270, whereupon her good luck returned. Not being very superstitious, she tested the rug by giving it to her mother. Same effect – bed luck until it was back home. Magic indeed. The current vake is about 2250, but for her it is priceless – and obviously a magic curpet automatically has leveling rights anywhers.



weightiessness would be like. A six weeks' orientation and training programme costs around \$75,000 and A six weeter creatment and training programme costs around \$75,000 and may not be far off for the public. But we are fixing the weightlessness experience by including a CIFF aircraft in this Christmas stocking - it's the one that takes potential astronauts on parabolic fights to give them a 20 to 30 seconds' sense of weightlessness. Not for the public, though, and we hope the reciolent has a good head for heaping.



General Aviation Manufacturers and Traders Association, 26 High Street, British Aylesbury, Buddinghamshire, who will pass the order on to Sitorsky in the United States. Delivery will depend on whether there is one in strok There are only about four of these in Britain, so we are on



Phode Island in 1909. An unequipper replica would cost £80,000 or more.

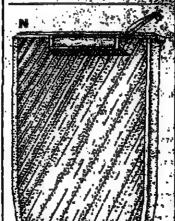


A fairy factotum so that I could go to work knowing that my house would be decorated, deak aoned, coolding cleaning and ironing done without my having to fret about it.

Obviously Universal Aunts — "advice

Obviously Universal Aums - "acvice and aid in all emergencies" - would supply temporary help from their offices at 250 King's Road, London SW3. For something more permanent we may have to billd a special robot, which can do everything do everything at the press of a button, so we are commissioning the computer whitz ldd, Cilve Sincist to design one a little project which could cost at least half a million.

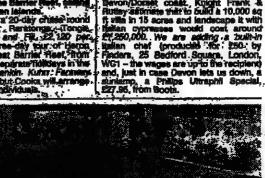




A gold toothpick container. Not a gol toothpick — I don't like the idea of that-but something to plut my toothpicks in. construct. 10 setting this what therefore, we had to buy an ordinate plastic flip-top container of Sanoder picks from Boots and ask the Aspra goldsmiths to make it up. Estimate cost: 2750.







A new kitchen with a garbage, gobbler.

Obviously not just any new hitchen will do so, we are having one specially hand-crafted in oak by Smellbone. The design is a copy of a Victorian country kitchen and the backs of steuning doors, draw-inorite and frames are old English oak with melamine-veneered interlocs. Complete, with Applicology, wall and floor ties, about 210,400. Singlicons kitchens can be seen at hardige.



inflated securities.

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IN THE GARDEN

Escape to the sweet scents of winter

at time for working in the garden although lovers of solitude no doubt relish such an excuse for ous; the attractive evergreen V doubt relish such an excuse for a few quiet moments away from the merry-making. However those who do venture outside, perhaps to walk off the effects of over-consumption, may be urprised at the wide range of flowering plants to enjoy in parks and gardens at this time

The viburnum family is one of my favourites, and there are a number which produce scented flowers now. Viburnum farreri, with its tight clusters of white flowers, is one of the first to flower. V x bodnantense also has white flowers, in bigger

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For most of us Christmas is not clusters, the form Deben show-Tinus is also in flower now, although it is not scented. It has in colour. large clusters of white flowers

> mild spells. wintersweet, Chimonanthus praecox. This shrub is best grown against a wall so that one can look up into the centres of the attractive flowers as they hang down.

To me the witch hazel is the best of the winter-flowering plants. Its unusually shaped flowers, formed on

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FAMILY VILLA HOLIDAYS, BY CAR IN FRANCE, COSTA BRAVA AND GERMANY.

stems, are strongly scented and it is possible to detect it by smell alone. Hamamelis mollis has rich yellow flowers; the form Pallida is nearer primrose

Honeysuckles are well known opening from pink buds and can be covered with blossom in for their scent, and the shrubby Lonicera fragrantissima is no exception. It has masses of Another scented plant is the small creamy white flowers vintersweet. Chimonanthus carried in the leaf axils. Although not showy in flower, it is well worth space because of its scent.

Finally, I would be delighted if I could get Helleborus niger to flower on Christmas Day for me; unfortunately, it is always that little bit too late.

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DRINK

Restoratives and anaesthetics

every nation in northern best: . Europe has its own version of a hot toddy or mull. The Swedes flavour theirs with aquavit, cardamom and dried fruits and call it glogg, the Germans frequently lace theirs with Schnaps and call it Glabwein or glowing wine, but the British flavour theirs with aquavit, cardamom and dried fruits and call it glogg, the Germans frequently lace theirs with Schnaps and call it Gluhwein or glowing wine, but the British still make the best:

The Bishop 1½ bottles modestly priced port; 2 oranges; handful of cloves; 1pt hot water; mixed spice; 2oz lump sugar

Stick the cloves into one of the oranges and roast it in the oven of the port about half an hour. Meanwhile, heat the port gently in a large saucepan being careful not to let it boil or all that precious Serving a mull or publich on the port of the port of the precious o large saucepan being careful not to let it boil or all that precious alcohol will evaporate. In another saucepan boil the hot water and mixed spice together. Remove the roasted orange from the oven and add it to the large saucepan together with the root and hot mixed printer with the root of t port and hot spiced water, visitors using all those dregs of

Pour 2pt of the ale into a large saucepan together with the sugar and cinnamon stick, Hear-

gently until the sugar, has dissolved before adding all the other ingredients, and gradually bring the mixture up to the boil.
If you want to give your wassail

port and hot spiced water. visitors using all those dregs of Finally rub the sugar lumps wine, port and brandy. On the over the second orange to absorb its zest and oils, place the lumps in a large heat-proof the punchbowl with the juice from the second orange and pour the hot port over this. Serves 15-20: The Bishop makes an excellent warming drink before or after Midnight Mass. The most traditional— Christmas r Eve cooking apple; cloves; the soft:

Christmas Eve is the perfect tipple, however, is the wassail brown sugar for mole to instel; 1.
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alowly anti-control and action of the constantly to addid control of the control so that it will not separate later. Just before serving whip the cream and beat the egg whites separately until stiff. Slowly add the whipped cream to the mixture and fold in the egg-white. Ghill and serve with spoons. Serves 20 generously. Happy Christmasi

Lang MacOntity

Anyone who's too mean to buy Smirnoff won't want to waste good money in the Christmas Pud.



Makes the choosing difficult ABTA. IATA. AITO. ATOL 488 **HOLIDAY VILLAS**

Looking reproachfully at me as I write this piece is the still unsorted harvest of a year's unsorted harvest of a year's an interpolation was a misproduced Macbeth at the Old Vic in 1980 that was the Old Vic in 1980 that was a misproduced Macbeth at the Old Vic in theatregoing: a boxful of programmes from Stepney, Sheffield. Shaftesbury Avenue, and a good many places in between. Lying on top, for some reason, is one from a pub in the Mile End Road. I remember that night: the audience consisted of eight punks and me. Another one, sticking out at the corner, is from the Glasgow Citizens' and must be that Jacobean comedy in which most of the characters were dressed as Hollywood stars, from Jean

Harlow to Mickey Mouse. And that sleek one that reads simply "Y" dates back to a first night I can remember little about apart from my dazed companion repeating, "I just can't believe this is happening", and a momentary glimpse of George Melly sitting behind us in the stalls with mouth agape as if in speechless incredulity.

Other programmes are covered with scribblings which should revive forgotten delights and horrors at a glance, if I could only make out what they referred to. Bill Tidy's The Great Eric Ackroyd Disaster at the Oldham Coliseum has some of the most illegible jottings: it is hard to write properly when you are shaking with laughter and know that the next cue for

Eric was, in his creator's very hard to sit through with a cious actresses from the age of words, a genius whose simple straight face. The comeback was negligence caused "comeback was are clous actresses from the age of and fortunately age of 98 his in 1977 at the age of 98 his negligence caused "comeback was are clous actresses from the age of 198 his in 1977 at the age of 98 his in 1978 at th negligence caused "events as Tanner in Man and Superwhich make other major natural man at the Haymarket last catastrophes (Mrs Thatcher, Mr winter. O'Toole not only had Foot, Roy Jenkins) appear to be tremendous comic panache but inconsequential". As champion a wild visionary quality that no smoke-mixer in a fictitious recent actor playing the role has northern town, he was respon- achieved. sible for maintaining the air at His movements were units correct degree of foulness: a gainly, he murdered Shaw's moment's inattention, resulting prose rhythms, his voice in a burst of clean air, nearly cracked on almost every senkilled everybody and wrecked tence, but you watched him in

stripes, and exiled (horror of with a specially impudent ad-lib horrors) to London, his decline and, on the narrow Haymarket and fall followed the primrose path of adulation as a real-life northerner - getting his own chat show, dabbling in politics, offering tripe to the Queen at her own garden party and becoming hopelessly addicted to an alcoholic liquid detergent called Soapo. As far as I remember, he ended up in St Devious's Hospice for Soapoholics, being looked after by some

very peculiar nuns. As far as comebacks from disaster are concerned, this year's prize goes uncontested to Peter O'Toole. The disaster in this case, you may remember,

the town's chances in the fascination and increasing deannual Industrial Coughing light: he knew just what he was doing, even if the rest of the cast Championship at Wembley.

Disgraced, stripped of his bib seemed not to. Dwarfing everyand brace like an officer's one, he creased up James Grout and brace like an officer's one, he creased up James Grout and the considering impudent ad-lib stage, played the Act 2 scene with Tavy as a cricket match that had the poor lad as tensely defensive as a slip fieldsman in his first Test. I think you can look forward to his forthcoming Professor Higgins with appre-hension and relish.

Another, supremely dignified comeback was made in April by the 79-year-old Vivian Ellis, whose Mr Cinders, revived in the West End after 54 years, had a fizzing opening night at the Fortune. Still in excellent shape, if reports are right, this originally large-scale musical got triumphant second wind as a

arrived in their limousines, and Mr Ellis rose amidst cheers at the end for a speech full of wit way only to whisper in my ear how nice it was to see a critic

enjoying himself. At my local theatre, the Royal Court, I have specially grateful memories of Caryl Churchill's Fen. The Joint Stock Company's stay of some weeks in a remote Fenland village last year produced a moving sometimes grotesque, sometimes frightening sequence of scenes showing a society that had not left the irrational beliefs, terrors and brutalities of rural communities very far in

the past.
The play, and actress Cecily would also win an award for the most hilarious, if hair-raising, story heard on the London stage this year, a seemingly endless tale of how a wandering boy got drawn into a gruesome axe-murder plot that included an adulterer's body buried under the murderer's name and a corpse getting out of its coffin to make a cup of

The sly, gritty and resilient George Hewins, a Stratford-on-Avon man, would have taken

grandson's wife Angela taped his memories, which she shaped into a best-selling book called The Dillen. This summer the Royal Shakespeare Company it as a peripatetic outdoor performance.

The whole audience tramped past the Dirty Duck into the RSC's shack studio for the first scenes, through Holy Trinity Churchyard, up on to the Avon bridge to watch the cast peapicking on the banks below; along the disused railway track to see George getting his first job as a brickie; and then into a tent for a horribly vivid evocation of his time on the Western Front.

It was such an experience that few of us managed any trenchant criticisms afterwards, and even my programme seems to have fallen by the wayside, probably on the torchlight procession back through the Stratford streets. It doesn't seem to be in the box, though among that lot one could hardly be sure. But who would spend an evening clearing out a programme box when he could goto the the theatre instead?

Anthony Masters

Ring out the old with Solti and the probing Priestley



Shadowy success: Carol Maness as Electra in Trevor Nann's Idomeneo at Glyndebourne

Priestley and Wagner, who might sound a little like a successful firm of solicitors. were the key names of the operatic year. Priestley de-livered the Report on Covent Garden - and the RSC as well. although that section got rather less publicity. Wagner received considerable exposure.

Even back in January it looked as though the Ring cycle in Bayreuth was going to be the event of the year. And so it turned out Early on it became known as the "British" Ring. partly in reaction to Chereau's staging last time round at the Festspielhaus and partly be-cause of the weight of the forces involved: the production team of Peter Hall and Bill Dudley. Georg Solti ta naturalized Briton) in the pit and half a dozen UK singers.

Reports of international friction before the first night, which tried to make out that Bayreuth was more like a rerun of Colditz than Richard Wagner's opera house, were much exaggerated. The results were indeed controversial, but it has not been generally noted that the spearhead of the attack on Hall's staging came from the American and French critics; the reaction from the German press, as from the British, covered a wide spectrum of

opinion. exciting singing I heard this lacking in Bow Street, year. And I will stick to my Certainly there has forecast of last July that this will develop into a memorable Ring especially now that relations between Britons and Bavarians are better. Solti just has to discover the Siegfried of his

dreams. Back in Britain there was more Wagner and more Ring. with two new native cycles beginning in the same week at the end of October. That was an unprecedented occurrence. The Welsh National Opera began at the beginning with Rheingold and the English National Opera opted for a more popular start in the shape of Walkure.

judged on the basis of a single evening and the ENO, in particular, was hampered by the oss of its chosen Brunnbilde, Linda Esther Grey, for most performances.

And so to Clive Priestley and his massive report commanded by the Government During the period it was compiled, with Priestley's investigators probing into every corner of the Opera House, Covent Garden was not having a happy time.

The 1982/83 season was a

poor one, with so many publicized cancellations, and there might have been some trepidation in advance of Priestley's findings. But in fact Priestley came out and said what many of us have been saying for years: if Britain wants an international opera house then it must be prepared to pay for one. And he said it most clearly and cogently, adding correctly that a cut-price operation was useless.

Priestley must have cheered up the ROH board no end, so much so that it acted swiftly on some of his criticisms - the main recommendations look like being implemented by the Government - and have even taken on one member of the inquiry team in a private consultancy capacity. The recent new production of Boris For Solti there was little but also demonstrated an imaginpraise. Hildegard Behrens as ation and spirit of adventure Brunnhilde delivered the most which has been too often

Certainly there has been no lack of adventure in St Martin's Lane where the ENO have continued with a policy of putting on as many new productions as possible, several of little-performed works with costs either cut to the bone or shared with other houses. This might appear to be living dangerously, but under the Elder-Pountney regime - both are in their mid-thirties controversy is deliberately courted. Some operas like Rienzi more Wagner - you win; others like Attreille you wish you had

never dreamt up.
The clear success of the Critical reaction to both was Glyndebourne season, although

muted, but Rings are not to be no one would have noticed it from most of the press reviews. was the new production of Mozart's Idomeneo, which marked Trevor Nunn's début in opera. *Idomenco*, which has always held a very special place in Glyndebourne repertoire, was staged quasi-Japanese style in a cool, clear light. Beautiful to look at and beautifully conducted by Bernard Haitink Nunn himself made total dramatic sense of what can be the least dramatic of operas.

The regional companies, apart from the occasional foray, I could observe only from afar. The WNO, under Brian Mac-Master, still gives us a better taste than any other theatre in this country, lyric or non-lyric, of European stagecraft, with Pintilie's version of Carmen as the extreme example. But the WNO virtually sold out at the massive Dominion in London earlier this month and that is MacMaster's due reward.

Scottish Opera, now run by John Cox, has been battling fiercely against those who would have it cut down in stature and, thank goodness, it appears to be winning. Opera North, also under a new director, Nicholas Payne, looks as though it is beginning to improve its casting which was not always satisfactory during its fledgling days. Finally, a deferential bow to

La Scals, Milen, which for the opening night of its season, December 7 as ever, made an fashioned opera Turandot was the work, after many a change during the course of the year, and Franco Zeffirelli, returning to the house which has seen so many of his successes over the past quarter of a century, put on a super show. A touch of kitsch? Perhaps. A dash of Hollywood? Certainly. But the orchestra under Maszel sounded magnificent and soprano Ghena Dimitrova in this house, which is so sympathetic to the voice, did for Puccini what Behrens had earlier done for Wagner.

John Higgins

THEATRE QUIZ 1983

Can you put a name to the players and plays?

These seven photographs were taken from stage productions in London and Stratford-upon-Avon between October 1982 and September 1983. Give yourself one mark for each of the actors you can identify; one mark for the name of the play. one more for the author; and the final one for the theatre where the production took place (in one case, two theatres). That gives a maximum of 33 marks, but we reckon that 30 or more is worth a few curtain calls. The photographs were selected from Theatre Year 1983 by Donald Cooper (Methuen, £5.95).

4. Alf from Wapping as Len from Lancashire, originally Naples

Facts and figures

of the year in view

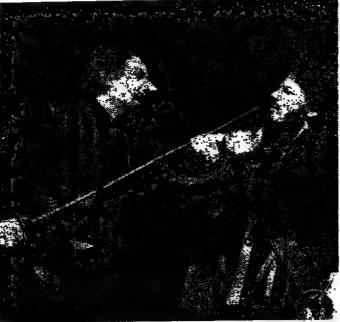
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New York: celebrations, 9 British members of the UN peace-keeping force were not allowed to wear their service medats. 10 Corothea Barsby, who was said to have known that Geoffrey Pritine was a spy, had been a paper candidate at the tocal elections. 11 Ford's discounts to barnch the Sterra car were said to have known the total cardidate at the tocal elections. 11 Ford's discounts to barnch the Sterra car were said to have rebounded on trade 12 Workers who discovered a prehistoric mammoth under los for more to the development.







2. Seems to be a case of one nose trying to get up another



6. Director, leading lady and burglar from farce-within-a-farce



to sell one of his plays to Eric

Quiz answers

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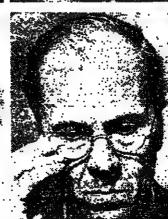
and their acts

1. John Thew in Henry VIII by Shakaspaara, Royal Statkaspaara Theatra, Stretford, 2. Derik Jacobi and Floyd Bevan in Gyano de Bergerac by Edmond Rotstand, Bartican, 3. Peter Ustnov in his own play, Besticover's Tenth, Vaudeville, 4. Viarren Mitchell in Ductorg Out by Educado de Fégoo English vention by Miles Stotte, Greenwich Theatre and Duke of Yorks, 5. Trevor Eve and Josene Wresley in The Genets by Howard Brenton, Hoyal Court. 6. Robert Flemyng, Manoy Perryment and Benjamin Whitrow in Noises Off by Michael Frayo, Savoy, 7. Ian McKellen and Glyn Owen in Stort List by Michael Rudman, Hampstead Theatre.

around the world

Crowning glories revealed













Glot Jol and a Happy Christmas! Spread a little international them; then try them out on the

tan guide to Christmas. All you have to do to make your world is to match the numbered greetings set out below with the 26 languages printed opposite

understanding this year with the help of *The Times's cosmopolitan guide to Christmas*. All you have to do to the transfer of louder in the time-honoured 'Happy Christmas' understood English way. If that fails, use a and appreciated all round the different language - you're bound to get the message across John Neville

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5. An air from a shoestring, or what

the professor said to the student

Quotable quotes 1-19 All were said by Mrs Thatcher

Gold diggers of 1983 A divorce actionment. The termer London shop assistant had become Sheka Dene al-Fassi. 2 The space shuttle - She was America's first women astronaut. 3 Anna Ford, after throwing white wire at Jonathan Attain. 4 Winnels Merced. 5 in the Bustin Phitharmonic Orchestra, where yon Kerajan insisted upon her appointment as principal dementation. 6 Sera Kaays. 7 BBC newscaster, Linda Alexander, 8 Hild them when applying you are her British Landon, whence she was

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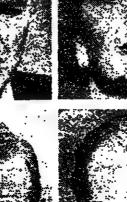
Royal tops and toes, people and places

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Theatre quiz: Actors

Christmas cheer

















PREVIEW Theatre

Donald Sinden: Back to School

Packed with enchanting songs and boasting a witty performance by Denis Lawson of acrobatic brilliance, Vivian Ellis's 1929

PACK OF LIES Lyric (437 3686) Mon-Fd at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinees Wed at 3pm. No

o. Tabili, inaciness wed at apm. No port today Hugh Whitemere's powerful study of a decent couple whose quiet suburban file is destroyed by a Kroger-style spy case. Judi Dench and Michael Williams find

tragic periormances in the most humdrum surroundings.

EXETER: Northcott (0392 54853).

Showboat by Jerome Kern and

musical recasts Cinderella in the

anyone-for-tennis age.

PACK OF LIES

Critics' choice Unless otherwise indicated, all theatres are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and Open Sat and weekdays as usual. THE CUSTOM OF THE COUNTRY The Pit (628 8795)
Mon, Tues and Wed at 7.30pm. In repertory (no other shows this

Taking a rare Jacobean comedy as its starting-point, Nicholas Wright's tale of impocent and fleshly love in turn-of-the-century Transvasi has a highly original flavour and provides Sara Kestelman and Sinead Cusack with two splendidly

HAY FEVER Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matiness Wed at 3pm. No

peri today Noël Coward's 1920s comedy about a theatrical family and their mixed bag of persecuted house uests remains hilanous after any umber of revivals, and Penelope Keith takes to the leading lady's part as though to the bad manners

MR CINDERS Fortune (836 2238) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Set at 4.30pm and 8pm; metinées Thurs at 3pm. No 8pm perf today

Out of Town

BIRMINGHAM: Alexendra (021 643 1231). Mother Goose by Bill Roberton. Today at 2.30pm and 7pm. For a season, Mon-Sat at 7pm; mathrees Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 7, then Tues, Wed Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 21, then Tues, Wed and Set at 2.30pm Featuring John Inman, Bill Maynard, Susan Maughan, Dawson Chance.

BRISTOL: Theatre Reval Old Vic (0272 24388). The Merry Gentleman by Julian Siede. No perf today or Jan 30. Until Feb 4, Mon-Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs-Set at 7.45pm; matinees Thurs at 3pm, Sat at 4pm (also Boxing Day, Dec 27-29 and Jan 2 at 3pm) Slade's 1953 musical fairy tale contains some memorable tunes, and pleases adults and children alike. Roger Bizlay, June Barrie, Ian Lindsay lead; John David

Transference

BROMLEY: Churchill (460 6677). The Wizard of Oz. Today at 10.30am and 2.30pm. Until Jan 21, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matiness Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 7, then Wed, Thurs and Sat at 4.15pm (except Jan 21 at 2.30pm) Charlie Drake as the Cowardly Llon, Fenella Fielding as the Wicked Witch of the West, in the stage version of the MGM film

CARDIFF: New (0222 32446). Humpty Dumpty. Today at 2.30pm only. Until Feb 4, Mon-Sat at 2.30pm and 7pm Ventriloquist Keith Harris, with his most popular character Orville, plus planist Bobby Crush and singer Jacqui Scott, in a pantomime with sets and costumes Oscar Hammerstein II. No perf today. Boxing Day, Tues and Dec 31 at Born, Wed and Thurs at 7.30pm. Until Feb 4, in repertory with Merrikal by Bernard Goss (Boxing Day, Tues and Dec 31 at 2pm and 5pm, Wed and Thurs at 2.30pm, Fri at 2.30pm and 7.30pm) Ever-popular musical including such songs as "Cld Man River" "Bill" and "Can't Help Loving That Man." Jan Hartley stars. Bob Goss's show is a new musical play for children by the author of Big Noise at Fort Issimo. LIVERPOOL: Empire (051 709 1555/5699). Aladdin. Until Feb 11, Mon-Sat at 7pm; matinees on many days at 2.15pm Comedian Tom O'Connor heads

PETERBOROUGH: Key Theatre (0733 52439). Jack and the Baanstalk. Today at 1.30pm and 4.30pm. Boxing Day, Tues and Dec 31 at 1.30pm, 4.30pm and 7.30pm, Wed and Fri at 2.15pm and 7pm. Thurs at 4.30pm and least two perfs daily George Raymonde, Petra Sinlawski, in a traditional family pantomime.

the cast of this family pantomime.

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES: Pichmend Theatre (940 0088). Dick Whittington by Roger Redfarn. Until Feb 2, Mon-Set at 7.30pm; matinées Mon-Sat 2.30pm until Jan 7, then Tues, Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm Roy Hudd, June Whitfield, Hugh Joyd, Richard Murdoch, Honor Blackman, John Hanson.

SCARBOROUGH: Stephen Josepi Theatre in the Round (0723) 70541). It Could Be Any One Of Us by Alen Ayckbourn. No perf today, Boxing Day or Tues. Wed-Fri at THE RIVALS
Olivier (328 2252)
Mon-Wed at 7.15pm matines Wed at 2pm. In repertory with Jean staberg by Marylin Hamileoth, Christopher Adler, Julian Barry

Thurs and Fri at 7.15pm) (no perf today)
Peter Wood's sparkling revival of Sheridan fulfills the promise of its cast list. Geraldine McEwan as a young but hilarlously affected Mrs Malaprop, Sir Michael Hordern gouty and irascible, Patrick Ryecart

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL Duke of York's (\$36 5122) Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinées Wed and Sat at 3pm First seen some months ago at the Haymarket, John Barton's handsome and intelligent production returns for Christmas with, as before, Donald Sinden and Beryl Reid in their broadest comic

vein, plus some promising new recruits including Nicola Pagett. TURNING OVER This week Wed-Fri at 8pm only Soon to be seen on television in The Rej Quarter, Geraldine James and Charles Dance inhabit anothe very funny play: a hilf-station where a quarrelling documentary team is shooting a film about the happy life.

7.30pm, Dec 31 (final perf) at 2.30pm and 7.30pm Latest comedy-thriller by Ayckbourn has a different villen and ending each performance. STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0789 285623). The Cornedy of Errors. Boxing Day at 7.30pm, Wed at 1.30pm Paul Greenwood, Peter McEnery. Zod Wanamaker, Richard O'Callaghan, Joseph O'Conor, directed by Adrian Noble. Honry VIII. Tues at 7.30pm Howard Davies directs John Thaw, Richard Griffiths, Gemma Jones, Paul Greenwood Julius Caesar. Wed at 7.30pm Joseph O'Conor, Peter McEnery, David Schofield, Emrys James, directed by Ron Deniels. Measure for Measure. Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm Adrian Noble directs Deniel

Massey, Peggy Mount, David Schofield, Juliet Stevenson. WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA, Southend: Palace (0702 42564). Jesus Christ Superstar by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rics. Until Jan 21, Mon-Thurs and Set at 8pm, Fri at 8.15pm; matinées Jan 11 and Jan 18 at 2.30pm Christopher Dunham directs this first local production of the popular rock musical treatment of the final

WORCESTER: Malvern Feetive) Theatre (06845 3377). Toad of ... Toad Hall by A. A. Milne from the Kenneth Grahame book The Wind In the Willows; music by H. Fraser Simson. Opens Boxing Day at 2.30pm and 7pm. Tues at 2.30pm and 7pm, Wed at 2.30pm, Thurs at 7pm, Fri at 2.30pm. Until Jan 7, Mon and Thurs-Sat at 7pm; matinées Mon, Tues and Sat at Malvern Theatre Players present a

new production of the fantasy with

ACROSS

week of the life of Jesus Christ.

PREVIEW Films

tmus es follows. Tomom Gate Notting Hill. Today ever performance and temorities Cinecenta Laicenter Square, Empire Leicenter Square, Plaza Piccadilly Circus, Studio Oxford Circus. Today and tomorrow: Camden Plaza, Chelses Cinema The Lumlers, Warner West End. Today evening performance, tomorrow and Boxing Day: Odeona. Today, tomorrow and Boxing Day: ABC charmes (exce at Fulham Road and Shatheebury

Critics' choice

Avenue, both open (oday), Avenue, both open (oday), Academy Chemas, Classics, Filmcenta Charlog Cross Road, Prince Charlos Leicester Squar Scene Leicester Square, Scree on the Green, Screen on the HILL, Timescenta Daker Street. Tomorrow and Boxing Day: Gate Bloomsbury, Gate Mayfelr.

JAWS III D (PG)
ABC Bayestier (221 4149)
ABC Edgware Road (723 5901)
ABC Fulham Road (370 2635) Classic Oxford Street (638 0310) Plaza Piccadility Circus (437 1234) and on national release A must for anyone still anxious to get his teeth into a good disaster/horror movie. The poor old great white shark is once again the villain of the piece, this time pitting his wits and outsize jaws against the well-meaning scientists running a kind of super underwater theme park in Florida. The implausible plot is redeemed by the use of a new 3-D technique.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U)/ MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL (U) Classic Chelsea (352 5096) Odeon Kensington (602 5644) Odeon Leicester Square (930 6111, ends today) and on mational release and on mational release.

Walt Disney's glorious cartoon treatment of Rudyard Klpfing, made in 1967, with excellent lokes and songs, Also, Mickey Mouse's comeback film, derived from Charles Dickens, it is a measure of the potency of the characters created at the Disney studios that they can be not into dramatic roles. they can be put into dramatic roles just like other movie stars; and as with their human counterparts, their own star personalities modily

LIQUID SKY (18) Classic Chelses (352 5096) ICA Cinema (930 3647, olosed Man)

Unique and outrageous blend of punk musical, fashion show and science-fiction parody, filmed in New York by a group of Russian emigres clearly delighting in Western decadence. New Wave dignitary Anne Carlisle stars as the Manhattan beauty whose roof plays hoet to an allen visitor hooked on heroin. MARY POPPINS (U)

The Royal, Charing Cross Road (930 6915) Disney's famous musical about an Edwardian nanny with magical gitts; full of high spirits, jolly songs and technical wizardry. Made in 1964, with Julie Andrews, David Tomlinson, Glynis Johns, Dick Van



Jungle hero in tight squeeze

NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN (PG) ABC Bayesaber (229 4149) ABC Edgerero Road (723 5901) ABC Fulham Road (370 2635) ABC Shaftestury Avenue (835 \$861)

Studio Oxford Circus (437 3300) Warner West End (439 0791) and on national release
"Never". Sean Connery used to
say when asked to play James
Bond again after relinquishing the role in 1971. Yet here he is - older, less jaunty, but still primed for action - trying to prevent the world's destruction in a renegade

DLIVER TWIST (PG) Classic Tottenham Court Road, (636 6148) matinées only A new version of the Charles Dickens novel, made with an eye direction by Clive Donner, but the character actors are hard at work George C. Scott as Fagin, Michael Hordern as Mr Brownlow and Tim Curry as Bill Sikes.

A STAR IS BORN (U) Gain Notting Will (221 0220/7270 The reconstructed version of Judy Garland's comeback vehicle - the

familiar story of one star rising while another descends, directed in 1954 by George Cultor with due devotion to his star. The extra 28 minutes give us two new songs, tart background details and a running time of almost three hours; lay persons might fidget, but Garland fanatics should be well

TRADING PLACES (15) ABC Bayswater (229 4141) ABC Edgware Road (723 5901) ABC Fulliam Road (770 2836) **ABC Shaftesbury Avenue** (836 8861) Empire Leicester Square (437 1254)

smug white piller of Wall Street is forced to swap fortunes with a resiliant black comman. John Landis's comedy avoids trenchant satire and lacks the rigorous wit of saine and acces the approba wit or its Hollywood ancestors, but performances and details please. Viewed by a large audience bent on enjoyment, its success seems guaranteed. With Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy, Ralph Bellamy, Don Amechs, Jamis Lee Curtis.

Programmes now thange on Privileys in dineries throughout Britain. The Information this column was correct at the time of going press, Late changes are often made and it is advisable to check, using the leightons numbers given.

PREVIEW Music

Tues, 8pm, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (628 8795, credit cards 638 8891) credit cards 535 8551) Stephen Hough, winner of the Naumberg, Terence Judd and BSC Young Musician awards, plays Grieg's Pieno Concerto with the Royal Philiharmonic Orchestra under James Bibir. Also on the programme are Realthouse's

Percy Grainger: Entertaining

Thurs, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall, 36
Wigmore Street, London W1 (935
2141, cracit cards \$31 \$232)
The Hilland Ensemble's
entertainment is drawn from
sources as diverse as Henry VIII's
Manuscript and the Yele NORTHERN STRAUSS Manuscript and the Yale Songbook Schubert, Warlock and Gibson, the Scottish National Orchestra plays Strauss waltzes such as Morning Papers and 1001 Percy Grainger are also heard

Thurs, 7.30pm, Usher Hall, Lothtan Road, Edinburgh (031-228 1155/6) Conducted by Sir Alexander

Thurs, Spm, Barbican Centre Best-selling Nonesuch LP-maker Joshua Riffkin plays Scott Joplin rags such as Maple Leaf, The Entertainer, Elite Syncopations, Wall Street, Gladions. STEBBING'S LYRICS Fri, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall The Endymion Ensemble gives the world premiere of Martin Stebbing's Lyrics. They also interpret Schubert's Octet D 803 and Mozart's Flute Quartet K 285. NEW WORLD Fri, Spm. Bartican Centre
This time Norman del Mar conducts
the RPO at the Barbican. They
perform Dvořák's "New World"
Symphony, Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Overture, and John Ogdon solos in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2.

The second secon

Nights, Strauss polkas like Feuerfest and Tritsch Tratsch,

RIFKIN RAGE -

Rock & Jazz

programme are Beethoven's Symphony No 5 and Handel's Royal Fineworks Music.

HILLIARD ENSEMBLE

Concerts

PAUL YOUNG Tonight, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4081) Undoubtedly one of the faces of the year, Young will probably be sad to see the last of 1983 and must already be wondering how to follow the enormous success of No

GEORGE MELLY Yonight and Mon to 3st, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 0747) A surrealist's vision of Bessia Smith reincarnated as a beatrix belle-lettriste, accompanied by the admirable John Chilton and his

THE POLICE Tues, Wed, Fri and Set, Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlenex (902 1224) Vhat was good about "Every Breath You Take" was that, as the best example of pure-pop simplicity in years, it showed up the redundancy of the nonsense Sting. gets up to when he picks up Jung instead of putting on James Brown.

Wed, New Golden Lion, 490 Fulham Road, London SWE (385 3942)

The New Golden Lion is one of London's better rock pubs, and should be packed for the former stars of TOTP and Supersonic. Les Gray's Ewis impersonation on "Lonely This Christmas" should be worth travalling to hear. worth travelling to hear.

DAVID ESSEX Thurs/Fri, Royal Albert Hail. Kensington Gore, London SW7 (589 1212) Will that twinkling smile reach the stratospheric balconies along with the best ("Rock On") and worst ("A Winter's Tate") of his songs?

1984 ROCK WEEK From Thurs, ICA Theatre, Nash House, The Mall, London SW1 (530 0492) A predictable Orwellian theme manna in months to come for the Armegeddon fans of The Face and luminaries as Einstainzenda Neubaten, The Red Guitars and the highly-rated Billy Bragg, Ring for

ORCHESTRA JAZIRA Fri, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (636 0933) Widely praised for their mutation of African high-life music, Orch Jaz enjoy the honour of being nominated as City Limits' favourite live band.

Opera

COVENT GARDEN. Christmas at the Royal Opera House means Placido Domingo conducting Die Fledermaus. Kiri te Kanawa and Hermann Prey return to the cast, Michael Langdon comes out of retirement to be Colonel Frank, and Doris Soffel sings the first mezzo Onloisky of performances this week: a matines on Mon and a performance at 6.30pm on Dec 31, (240 1056)

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA The Colineum will be clos today until Wed, it reopens on. Thurs with a characteristically original eritertzinment, Janáček's delightul man-in-the-moon fantasy. The Adventures of Mr Brouček,

conducted by Charles Mackerras, with another performance on Dec 31, There is one last chance to see Gounod's *Mirelle*, on Fri. (836 3161).

OPERA NORTH Just two performances over the Christmas-New Year season, both of the new Eugene Onegin, directed by Grahem Vick with Jonathan Summers as Onegin and Eleen Hannan as Tatyana. Wed and Fri at the Grand, Leeds. M629 4509 FT. (0532 459351)

HANSEL AND GRETEL Christopher Fifield conducts and Christopher Renshaw directs a cast of young British opera singer: in a new production, with Shella Steafel as the Witch. Bioomsbury Theatre, Mon-Sat until Jan 14.

Dance

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET Sadier's Wells (278 8916). Opens Thurs, until Jan 14; evenings (not Sun) at 7,30pm, matinees Sat at 2,30pm
The season opens with Coppells.

Sherilyn Kennedy, Roland Price and John Auld lead the cast Thurs; on Fri. Karen Donovan makes her debut with Carl Myers and David Bintley. Four other programmes to

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (240 1066). Mon at 7.30pm, Tues at 2.30 and 7.30pm, Thurs at 8pm, Fri at 7.30pm Ashton's Cinderella has four different casts this week, headed by Marguerite Porter and Jay Jolley (his first, Mon), Wendy Ellis and Stephen Jefferies (Tues matines), Jennifer Penney and David Wall (Tues eve), Lesley Collier and Anthony Dowell (Thurs), For audiences surfeited by seasonal fare, there is just one performance remaining of the new ballets by 'David Bindey and Richard Alston, together with MacMillan's Requiem

WAYNE SLEEP Dominion, Tottenham Court Road (580 9562). Evenings (not Sun) at 7.30pm, matinees Sat at 2.30pm Another light-hearted dance show — Dash, in town for a limited

THE GENEE BALLET East Grinstead, Adeline Genée Theatre (034287/532), Opens Mon until Jan 7, evenings (not Sun) at 7.30pm, matinées Wed and Sat at

A small, struggling but hopeful company presents extracts from The Nutcracker and Coppelia and a Gerstwin ballet made for them.

Theatre: Irving Wardle and Anthony Masters; Galleries: John Russell Taylor; Photography: Michael Young: Filmst Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams: Opera: Hillary Finch: ... Dance: John Percival

PREVIEW Galleries

Unlass otherwise stated, galleries are closed today, tomorrow, Boxing Day and Jan 1

made in the workshops of the

PHILIP GARNER Boilerhouse, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (581 5273). Until Jan 5, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-5.30pm, The American artist and author of The Better Living Catalogue and

Utopia is in London for three weeks to exhibit his absurd inventions, Including a Cap-for-Two and a Munch-o-matic sandwich holder for the busy typist. Mr Gamer is also assembling new products from objects found around London.

LIGHT DIMENSIONS Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (589 3456). Until Mer 4, Mon-Sut 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6cm Exhibition on the evolution of holography, the creation by laser of three-dimensional images which enables objects to float in space. It was invented 36 years ago by Denis Gabor but only now is its potential starting to be realized. As well as having important commercial and industrial

applications, it may be said to constitute a new art form. The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until Jan 22, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm (closed to Wed and Jan 1) This exhibition celebrating the artist's eightieth birthday is the largest of his vork ever mounted and shows his development through his watercolours of the British countryside, early abstract paintings and excursions into other media, such as the stained glass for Coventry Cathedral.

ISLAMIC ART AND DESIGN 1500-1700 Special Exhibitions Gallery, British Museum, London WC1 (638 1555). Until Feb 19, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2,30-6pm An exhibition of the great achievements of Islamic art produced under the Ottomans in Moguls in India. All three empires shared a common taste for hardstones, textiles, pottery,

calligraphy and fine arms. REG BUTLER (1913-1981) The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313).

Photography PILGRIMAGES Henry Cole Wing, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6371). Until Feb 26, Mon-Thurs 10am-5.30pm, Sun

Marketa Luskacova's photographs of the people of remote easiem Siovakia between 1967 and 1974 began as a document of their religious festivals but developed into an intimate journal of the way of life of an ancient upland village. The black and white prints offer an extraordinary insight into the religion experience of a peasant people whisked into the twentieth century. Also on show are some recently donated Paul Strand photographs, which although tiny in size are grand in vision. They include a little-known portrait of Altred Stieglitz, Six newly acquired Cartier Bresson photographs, the

includes more than 100 sculptures and drawings. After a late start his work developed considerably, from the stripped black fron figures of the late 1940s to the fully rounded bronze female nudes with real hair completed in the 1970s and now exhibited together for the first time RAOUL DUFY

This memorial exhibition, the first

Sun 2-6pm (closed to Wed and on Jan 1)

Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3144). Until Feb 5, Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-8pm Running concurrently with the exhibition of Hockney photographs is the largest survey of Dufy's art ever staged. The radiant and optimistic painter of yachts, regattas, racecourse scenes and harvests is represented by several paintings not seen before in England, while four large murais

commissioned by Guy Welsweiller

given their first public display THE GENIUS OF VENICE 1500-1600 Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 9052). Until Mar 11, daily 10am-6pm (closed today and tomorrow only) The sixteenth century was the most glorious epoch for Venetian art. Carpaccio's painting "The Lion of St Mark" symbolizes Venetian power and introduces an exhibition of 300 masterpieces drawn from collections thoughout the world. collections thoughout the world. and including the recently restored "Judgment of Solomon" painted by Giorgione or Sebastiano del

Piombo, or the two together. POLITE SOCIETY BY ARTHUR DEVIS National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (930 1552). Until Jan 29, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm Arthur Devis painted portraits of the English country gentleman and his family grouped informally in the drawing room or set against the backdrop of the family estate. His gentle "conversation pieces" contain meticulously observed detail and reflect the contemporary preoccupation with the social graces in the eighteenth century. Also (until Jan 8) pictures by William Dobson, the leading

British-born portrait painter of the

most recent of which was taken in 1982, can also be seen. KENNEDY: A TIME REMEMBERED Olivier Gallery, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 2033). Until Jan 21, Mon-Sat 10am-11pm (closed today, 10am-11pm (closed today, tomorrow and Jan 1) Jacques Lowe was John F. Kennedy's official and personal photographer for several years, during which time he amassed over 40,000 pictures of the president

and his family. HOCKNEY'S PHOTOGRAPHS Hizyward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (928 5708). Until Feb 5, Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Set 10am-6am, Sun noon-6am Audacious, arrogant but wonderful composite colour constructions that seem to sprawl over acres of wall space. David Hockney expands the limit of traditional photography. Portraits, landscapes and intimate glimpses of the artist's friends and family.

The Times **Jumbo Crossword**

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first three correct solutions opened on Tuesday, January 3, 1984. Entries should be addressed to The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London, WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, January 7,

Report of an early post-Christmas expedition in Bohemia (4,3,7,5,4,4).
Tempts whole of America, round about (7). Catalogue that is including this publication perhaps (7). A diamond for instance to help him make

light of his work? (5-6). It could be eg cheaper to give losers a second chance (9). Old-time delicacies after bad cooking one renounces (9).

For an actress the part is genuine, in taking the lead (7). Turned out The Pirate appears in text changed by editor (11). How to best Bill, tense when receiving

many a severe blow (4.3). Outlaw appears to reach the end of it (7). Abode of the dead, or headless ghosts (5).
A grim horse destroyed the sacred symbols 25 27

Note the centre of our system (3). Colourful article on field-work (5). "April is the — month" (Eliot) (9).
Oriental king of Rome in public is subject to excessive strain (9).
Sapper has one performing as source of

Revelation early in Genesis? (13). In France where salt is needed to get the An examining body embarked (6).
Liverpudlian that is to say Yorkshire river

A minor prize? (5). From former schooldays I race to utter destruction (13). Gangster has cowl fitted to chimney up Religious examination, this, Mecca variety 39

The one that was bound to work? (4-5). Man of degree, so sort of English! (5). Artist's cape for an Abyssinian prince (3). Do we never never stop making them?

Novel caller (5). Mungojerrie was a cat about to commit a felony (7). Quickest way to get me back to Nepal 60 perhaps? (7). Everyone, say, coming to California, grabbing gold, one description of Pilgrim's Progress (i1). Family accepts about £1,000 returned by

Russian government (7).

Meditating no longer, dear? (9).

Dispossessing of record held in motoring Make professional member sign article on introduction (11). letter reads (7).

Hope's place. Appendices show how to make it from Z (7). Short fellow's wooing, narrated by a long one (3.9.2.5.8).

American's grouse resulting from egg served with sauce? (7,7). Girl and I have narcotic form of turpentine

A court is troubled about nothing very wicked (9). Died swallowing tropical tubers the wrong way - most upset (8). Work by Dickens or Hardy on tobacco

(6,5). Great character Joan, for instance, as a poet (9.4). Note about terrible din made by soldier in Consé taken rather than given (6.5).

Eschewing Mammon? My goodness! (13). Notice among these perhaps an intercom attachment (4,3). As a kind of knight one hops possibly higher than others (11).

"Grey? Not us" perhaps says one such (9). Overcome, beheaded and devoured (5). That of J S Bach will immediately follow Orwell's famous work (12). In limits of directive end is uncertain (13). Cheat with a Dover-Calais return ticket?

Hailed? That is in some degree tedious (7). In parts, contrariwise, abstainer is one creating trust (7). 28 29 Stalky's coleopterous friend (6). Cricket side draw? Just kidding (3-4). A tree's about right cover for us in cold-

Nice distinctions - troublesome things one's abandoned (7). Comply with receiving order given to Fido, seen in round figures (7). In among friends in French city (6). Device can perhaps help chap go near seeing how the brain works (14).

Othello's cannibals (13). Moody way of painting - crazy (13).

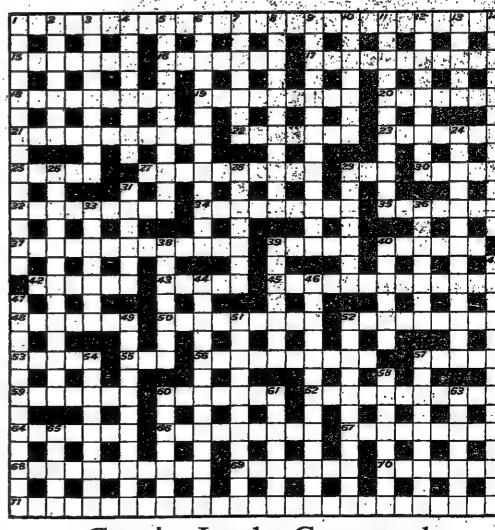
Dread summons at the Admiral Benboo 47 dangerous place (3,5,4). Dramatist John and author George almost have a battle (7.4). Master Pooter Latinized by Jules Verne

For Tweedles Dum and Dee it was bolsters, blankets, coal-scuttles, etc. (11). Spanish gentleman visitor embraces Jack with love (9). 54 Adam's apple from this tree (Milton) (9). Growth of establishment of battery hens? Teams have quarters round the loch (7).

Smile wryly about Italian form of government (7). An itch one treated with wine (7). 63 Call up the previous day about approval (5).

Name

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Concise Jumbo Crossword

Solution in Tuesday's paper, no prize

1 "Wobblies" Revolutionary Union federation (10,7,2,3,5) 15 Latent (7)
16 Origin (7)
17 Hunter's hat (11)
18 Docker (9)
19 Beneficial enlivener (4.5) 19 Beneficial enlivener (4,3)
20 Badly brought up (3,4)
21 Jewish New Year (4,7)
22 Change resister (7)
23 Yearly books (7)
25 Horse hindquarters (5)
27 Religious emissary (10)
29 45 inches (3)
20 Observateding (5) 30 Outstanding (5) 32 Habitually drunk (9) 34 Firmly resolute (9) 35 Justifications (7) Mislaid on journey (4,2,7) 39 Very steep (5)
40 Flight of steps (6)
42 Nasal exhalation (43 Indispensable (5) 45 Extremely proper (9,4) 48 Discharged (7) 48 Discharged (7)
50 Leg-splitting high jumper (9)
52 Bleakness (9)
53 Assumed name (5)
55 Automobile (3)
56 Beach flea (10)
57 With radiating paths (5)
59 Wash thoroughly (7)
66 Construction Grow together (7)

62 Perform as group (3,2,6) 64 Vehicle movement (7)

66 Safe from extreme cold (5.4)

ACROSS

67 Not admirable (9) Give up expectation (7.4) Sobbed without restraint (7) 70 Become aware (3.4) 71 Oscar Wilde play on names (3,10,2,5,7) DOWN

DOWN

1 Very durable (14)

2 Makes gloomy (7)

3 Star vehicle (5,4)

4 Pointing backwards (8)

5 Taken as a body (11)

6 Drinking vessels content

7 Act in reply (7)

8 Relieve hurt (4,3,4)

9 Sested existence (9,4) 9 Seated existence (9,4)
10 Swindled (7)
11 Medical institution wo
12 Feeble people (9)
13 Ash scraper (5) itution worker (11) 14 Extreme anguish (4,8) 24 Aptly (13)

28 Of planet circle (7) 29 Satiate (7) 31 Shake noisily (6) 33 Clothing (7) 36 Component checker (7) 38 Counsellor (7) 39 Cunning procedure (7) / 40 Begin journey (3,3) 41 Next Republican leader (9,5) 41 Next Republican leader (9
44 Dancer (13)
46 Unique (13)
47 Refractory (12)
49 Diminuendo (11)
51 Main meal board (6,5)
52 Large load (5,6)
54 Cäin or Abel (3,2,4)
57 Restorer (9)
58 Corresponding thing (8)
69 Deliberate insult (7)
61 Head pad (7)
63 Blissful (7)
65 Cognizant (5)

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Too easily offended (4,9)

SOLUTION TO No 226 (Last Saturday's prize concise). ACROSS: 1 Dates 4 Set back 8 Coypu 9 Topical 10 Metaphor 11 Gene 13 Afoot 15 Satyr 19 Runt 20 Grand mal 23 Analogy 24 Vegan 25 Hardpad

DOWN: 1 Decamp 2 Tryst 3 Sculptor 4 Sitcom 5 Tape 6 Alchemy 7 Killer 12 Carnival 14 Funfair 16 Breath 17 Frayed 18 Planet 21 Magma 22 Loop Recommended dictionary is the New Collies Concin-

The winners of the price concise No 226 are: Mr C. P. Metcalfe, 17 Elm Road, Redhill, Surrey, and Mrs T. P. Bowis, 50 Harrington Road, Brighton, 'East Sussex.

SOLUTION TO No 231
ACROSS: 1 Drawing 5 Names 8 Rho 9 Silesia 18 Lists 11 Stir 12 Precise 14 Princess Royal 16 Roguish 18 Swap 21 Tenon 22 Require 23 Aid 24 Dwell 25 Epigeal
DOWN: 1 Dose 2 Allot 3 Instructional 4 Grasp 5 Nolle prosequi 6 Mistily 7 Sisterly 13 Spirited 15 Ingenue 17

here is a selection of Victorian parlour games for your delectation.

As children we may have rolled our eyes as great grandmama

told us of the simple pleasures she enjoyed around fire or piano.

but there was a lot to be said for this kind of family entertainment.

that our readers at any rate will resolve that when they play they will play heartily: just as when they work they will work

enjoy them too. Especially when the port has been passed.

the games themselves and in forfeits.

Forfeits

The best forfells are often those

invented on the spur of the moment

- tailored to suit, or rather not to suit the victim. The Victorians compiled hundreds of them, including the following. I leave it to you to work out how they are

performed and or to modernize

them: Kneel to the wittiest, bow to the Kneel to the wittiest, bow to the

prettiest and kiss the one you love best: put one hand where the other

cannot touch it; take one of your

friends upstairs and bring him down with a feather; blow a candle out blindfold; kies your own shadow; form a blind judgement;

another, cry in another and dance

in another; leave the room with two legs and return with six; ask a

cannot possibly be answered in the

negative; put yourself through the keyhole/letterbox; sit upon the fire;

kiss the one you love best without

estion the answer to which

laugh in one corner, sing in

up clothes and props and repair to

another part of the house. The children have to illustrate a carol,

Christmas story, well-known play, song or book in a single tableau.

with absolutely no talking or movement allowed once the stage

Cassell: "The performers have to

attitude in which they place themselves, and by their countenances, the tale they have to tell". It is a real test of stamina as

the children must remain static until the audience has recognized the

can provoke the kind of lump in the

throat you feel when you hear angelic choirboys in sonic flight and have to pinch yourself to remember

scene. Well done, the spectacle

they are really horrid little brats.

My family and close friends still

rate this the most popular mood-lifter, guaranteed to raise a laugh

among the grumpiest. Everyone is given a piece of paper, longer than it is wide, at the top of which they write a man's name (it can be a

friend, famous personality, fictional

character or even a male animal);

the paper is then folded down to

hide the name and the paper passed to the person on the left. A female's name is then written,

paper folded and passed on; then

where they met; what he said to her; what she said to him; what he

gave her; what she gave him; what

world said. After the last entry the

Consequences

has been set. To quote from

rather than speaking their thoughts; proclaiming by the

remain perfectly silent, looking

question that W.G. was born before 1800, you would have to think

again. Once you feel sure of W.G.'s identity you may ask him directly if he is such and such a person. If

wrong, you lose a turn, if right, you

become the next candidate for

Armed with The Shorter Oxford

Dictionary (in extremis lesser

volumes will do), the question

word, as for example "of,

master reads out the definition of a

pertaining to, or of the nature of a

quicksand" and one or all of the

players has to write down the word

so defined (in this case, as you all

know, "syrtic"). The advantage of choosing a different definition for

each person is that you can gear each to the individual's age and in

vocabulary and the children's and

knock spots off know-it-alls. As a

riation you can read out several

described by one of these and ask

the process improve your own

definitions, then give the word

the players to chose the correct

Hands up (otherwise

known as Up, Jenkins)

Two teams sit on opposite sides of

a table. One team passes a coin under the table until the other team

orders "Hands up" or "Up, Jenkins", when all hands, clenched

as fists, must be held a few inches above the table. At the command

Jenkins", hands are slapped flat on

the table, palms down. One of the

opposing team then has to decide which player has the coin. When he has decided, he calls "Hands

open" or "Tip it" to the suspected

person, if right, he scores a point, if wrong he can continue ordering hands open to find the coin, or

forfeit. To complicate the game, the

inquisitive team may order "Hands

before making a final guess. When this command is given, all hands in the team with the coin must

advance a few inches across the

table in a crab-like movement, the

object being to see or hear the

forward" or "Creepy crawling

"Hands down" or "Down,

definition. The person with the

highest number of correct

questioning.

Definitions

honoured place amongst the tribes, Christmas decorations at infant schools and parish churches. It derives from a centuries-old tradition and the little figures that in former times delighted adults and children alike have become valuable antiques. With patience collectors may

seek out enough eighteenthcentury figures to put together a crib of their own. Alternatively the finely carved or moulded sculpture in their own right. The first three-dimensional readering of the nativity, made

Maria Maggiore in Rome in 1291. The church had a special association with the scene since its most treasured relic was a

The late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, however. saw the real flowering of the Christmas crib and it is from this period that cribs and crib figures are easily available to collectors today, though prices in this, as in other fields, are moving rapidly upwards.

The geographic spread of crib building is a curiosity. There is no long tradition in England or figures can be displayed as Ireland and in France the tradition is limited to Provence. However, crib building began and flourished in Italy, particu-larly in Naples and Sicily. From up of separate stone figures, was larly in Naples and Sicily. From that erected by Arnolfo di there it was enthusiastically Cambio in the church of Santa, taken up in Austria, the Tyrol, Southern Germany and Poland. Northern Europe otherwise remained untouched but it was taken up in Spain and Portugal



Neapolitan nativity: Group from an eighteenth-century crib

splinter from the crib (later and exported from there to demonstrated to be a fake). But the history of cribs as a popular art form, rather than as church sculpture, is generally traced back to St. Francis of Assiși. În 1223 he erected a special manger for Christmas, complete with real hay and live

St Francis explained his purpose in these words: "I want to see it as it was, with my own eyes, a child sleeping on the hay in a manager, between an ox and an ass." And it is in this spirit that cribs have been built ever since.

To underline the reality for the illiterate believer the figures were dressed in contemporary fashions while numerous genre features were added: markets. shops, farms and villages peopled with realistic figures.

References to Christmas cribs begin to appear in Italian and German literature in the sixteenth century. They were used by Franciscan and Jesuit missionaries and rapidly achieved an extraordinary geographic spread. In 1595 the antique shops should uncover a

Christmas crib at Lahore in

South America. Neapolitan cribs whose golden era ran from around 1720 to 1790 are the most famous

and the most abundantly available. Charles III, the Eighteenth century Neapoli-

tan crib figures are sold regularly by Sotheby's and Christie's. The head is normally painted terracotta and there are wooden hands and feet; the standard of modelling and carving and the life-like effects achieved are extraordinary. The bodies are generally built on a wire frame wrapped securely with straw or cloth. Finally, the figures are dressed in traditional peasant costume or the latest court fashions, according to

their role. Until Christie's sold the figures from an exceptionally fine crib in April 1982, prices had generally run in the £30 to £100 bracket for an individual figure; now it tends to be nearer £200-£300 for a really attractive piece, but a search around

Jesuits are recorded as making a few examples at the old prices.

crib in Japan; in 1599 the Geraldine Norman

There is a deal of Victoriana around this Christmas, prompted perhaps by the exhibition at the Royal College of Art, "Albert, LECHIEN S Prince Consort, His Life and Work". We've had Victorian carol concerts, balls, music halls, street parties - and theatrical victim and, stealing up behing him, puts his hands round the victim's costumiers have been doing a brisk trade. To continue the theme, The Victorians enjoyed games, especially the round or parlour variety. They devised hundreds of them. Many centred on repetition, the use of the alphabet, on games of Buff (as in Blind and whispers in the victim's ear "I'm Jack; you're dead". The victim must not utter a sound, but waits Man's Buff), of general knowledge, deduction and concentration. There was also a strong element of teasing and punishment - in screams and falls in a heap. All players must stand exactly as they were when the scream was heard while the detective goes round the house putting on lights and taking We cannot, nor would want to put the clock back; but when it is notes of people's whereabouts. Everyone, including the victim, then returns to the station and the cold outside, computer games have palled, and you've seen the detective begins his questioning, indirectly trying to discover the murderer's identity (how long had

Family Life

Not-so-decorous fun and games in the parlour

best they can. After a few minutes

in the dark the murderer selects his

neck (or with very young children or any one with a heart complaint,

taps three times on his shoulder)

for a silent count of 10 then

you been in the room, who was

with you? and so on). All must tell

the truth except the murderer, who can lie his head off. When the

detective is sure he knows who the

murderer is, he accuses him. If he's

right the murderer must now

Winking

fess. If not, he goes free.

An ideal game for flirtatious males

and females from seven to 70. Make a circle with chairs, all facing

behind each chair and a female on

all but one. The males may let their

chairs, but not (officially) on any part of the female. The object of the

game is for the man or boy behind the empty chair to acquire a girl or

woman and for all the other men to

prevent him from succeeding. The solitary male winks at one of the females who must then try and

leave her chair to join him while her

partner tries to prevent her. (I don't

harder tries to prevent less it don't know what the earnest young sociologist would make of this game). She can only leave her chair if her partner's hands are not on

her shoulders, if she succeeds in

escaping, the abandoned partner becomes the winker. The art of the

game lies in the single male's ability to wink so slightly as to not be noticed by the other men, or to take

the possessive males by surprise

by using distracting tactics. When all the females have had their share

of winking, roles are reversed.

Tableaux vivants

inward (kitchen or dining room chairs are best). Place a male

hands rest on the backs of the

latest video three times, you could do worse than get together and play. Though most of the games I give below are obviously remission; if he falls he collects a designed with children in mind, all but the most staid of adults can forfeit. At the end of the questioning if he has guessed There is a wonderful quotation in Cassell's Complete Book of There is a wonderful quotation in Cassell's Complete Book of Sports and Pastimes (1896) which I will, tongue only slightly in cheek, pass on:

Correctly more times than not he is set free. Otherwise he pays the number of forfeits accumulated. cheek, pass on:

"A long time ago it was observed of the English as a race that

"By the second had been second be

they took their pleasures sadly; but we will hope that henceforth the observation may be applicable to past generations only, and

when they play they ork they will work

Judy Froshaug

in the unlikely event that you need to be reminded of the rules, the party is divided into two teams, one of which after norm consultation and preparation (dressing up encouraged) acts out syllable by syllable or word by word, a proverb, story title, song, carol etc, finally re-enacting the whole. If the other team guesses the subject, they score a point. In Victorian times it was usual for players to speak during the action, each "scene" a mini play in which the relevant word was mentioned at least once. With the advent of Give us a Clue on television, miming has become more fashionable, but using words can still be great fun to watch, particularly when young children are acting.

Murder

An intense young student of sociology once bored me almost to death at a party with his explanation of the psychological implications of this game, it had, he said, to do with pubescent sexuality, innate guilt and a latent death wish. Take as many cards from a pack as there are players. Including a single ace and a single lack. Shuffle and deal. The player drawing the ace is the detective, drawing the jack, the murderer. The detective stays put in a lighted room while all the other lights in the house are turned out. Then the

Holiday outings

BARBICAN HOLIDAY EVENTS Barbicán Centre, Slik Street, London EC2 (638 5403). Tues,

by a group from Texas on Wed. 5.30pm-7.30pm, Special children's concert of Prokoflev's Peter and the Wolf and Howard Blake's The Snowman, with Bernard Cribbins as narrator (tickets £3).

0717). Tues to Dec 31, Jan 2-15, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-Prizes will be awarded for the best

Thurs, a demonstration and talk for on the Grand Canyon; on Dec 31, "Ask a Geologist" - what he is,

"Reculer pour mieux sauter"

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mated White after another 9 moves. He played . . . " and then

MEET THE ARTIST National Gallery, Trafalger Square, London WC2 (839 3321). Wed, Thurs, Fri and Jan 3-6 at

MECCANO SHOW

Special Meccano exhibition with

Homiman Museum, Forest Hill, London SE23 (699 1872). Wed to Dec 31, Jan 3-7, 10.30am-1.30pm.

eight and over, a selection of art and craft activities based on the museum's collection. Tickets to first 20 children through

were planning to ask W.G. "Did your sadistic young characters hunt The Beast?" and you

discovered as the result of a free

THE WEEK AHEAD

Bridge

Hair-raising opportunity for blood and thunder

For a variety of reasons, I seldom write about them. But this week is dedicated to the blood and thunder merchants. Both the hands I shall describe occurred at high stake rubber bridge, which provides an extra piquancy for those who prefer champagne to match points. Rubber Bridge, Love all. Dealer

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tomed to these hair-raising \$155 situations. Showing me his ? \$74 hand and giving me the bidding \$42 prove critical, I opted for six hearts where I would beexposed to less flak.

Characteristically, Huberman elected to double five no trumps and lead the Ace of hearts. He ensured that North took the fourth round of hearts and the spade switch enabled the defence to take the first 12 tricks. 1,900 to North-South.

Huberman said affably, "you would have made six hearts. provided North doesn't give you preference, or worse, East saves in seven clubs, which would have yielded a mere

At game all your partner East

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passed, is asking you to find an unusual lead. Presumably he has a void. On that basis, you dismiss a diamond lead and choose between the majors. 3,110 points hang on your

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Á AKGJ109865 What did West lead in real life? The King of Diamonds. And why did I enjoy this hand more than the first? I was

• The English Bridge Union Diary, price £1.95, obtainable from the EBU. 15B High Street, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2BL. contains dates of forthcoming important events, an explanation of the master points scheme and some useful guidelines on the decisions of the

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Jeremy Flint.

what you are told); make a perfect man/woman/child; give good advice; the natural historian (imitste whatever animals are mentioned); illiest/fattest/most abourd . . . ");

Mary Svans Ploture Library

"Twas I (answer to every remark such as "today I saw the spell a long word backwards: perform a cats' chorus/blind

anyone knowing it; act the

dummy/parrot; shake a sixpence off your forehead; show the spirit

Dumb crambo

A Victorian variation of a very old game (Pepys wrote about crambos, or rhymes). One team leaves the room, an opposing team chooses a

then goes out and gives the other side a word which rhymes with the chosen one. The team outside returns and all its players mime the word they think may have been chosen. (if, for example, they have been given the word "tell", they might mime "sell".) If they guess right, the watching team claps; if wrong they are hissed and must leave the room, think of another word, return and go through the same process; and so on until they succeed. Clapping and hissing are the only communication allowed between the teams; no one must speak. Each failure to guess the right word is noted and at the end of the game, when the two sides have swapped roles, the team with

word. One of the players inside

Person and object

Two people leave the room together and decide on a person one of them shall represent, and an associated object, the other, in my Victorian book of parlour games Mr Gladstone and his axe and Lord Beaconsfield and his curi are given as examples: today Mr Foot and his overcoat, Alex Higgins and his cue or Daddy and his copy of The Times might be more appropriate.

On returning to the room, the players address questions first to the person, then to the object. Each must answer truthfully but only about himself or herself, giving no clue to the other's identity, unt

The stool of repentance

from a pack. He leaves the room (no listening at the door) and the "She's prettier than I", etc. The prosecutor writes down the charges with the names of the accusers beside them. The "Prisoner at the Bar you are

A typical Victorian parlour game which relies largely on knowing what the others think of you. A "prisoner" sither volunteers or is chosen by drawing the lowest card remaining players are asked to tell the prosecutor (the player drawing the highest card) what charges they wish to level at the prisoner: "He's better than I am at football", "He takes an hour to get dressed" prisoner is brought in and sits on a chair in front of the other players charged with . . . Who makes the accusation?" If the prisoner

Thurs and Fri Free Punch and Judy shows on Tues at 12.15pm, 1pm and 1.30pm. Demonstration of hand-bell ringing

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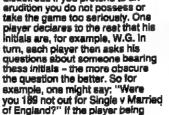
National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 (730 design, based on museum exhibits (age limit 18 years).

GEOLOGICAL EVENTS Geological Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (589 3444). Wed to Dec 31 et 2.30pm. Free eight - 12-year-olds; on Fri, a talk 2.30pm. Free A performance for children given by a "reincarnation" of Holbein in his studio. Queue for tickets 30 minutes before each performance, preference given to eight - 11-

London Trensport Museum, Thé Flower Market, Covent Garden, London WC2 (379 6344). Tues to Jan 2, 10em-5pm (last admission 5.15pm). Adults £1.80, children

many working models, including Stephenson's Rocket and a West Ham tram, Austin 7. HORNIMAN CLUT

At the Homiman club for children of



the question the better. So for example, one might say: "Were you 189 not out for Single v Married of England?" If the player being questioned does not answer "No, I am not W.G.Grace" the questioner is entitled to a free question. These consist of questions such as: Are you alive or dead? Fact or fiction? Male or female? AD or BC?. progressing to more particular enquiries such as: Are you of royal blood, connected with the Arts? and so on. Once the person the questioner was thinking of has been ruled out by the answer to a free question, ha must think of

Shadow Buff

Played with great relish by Victorian families. You need a big room, bright lamp, white street, low stool or chair and props - false noses, hats, pipes, wigs. Fix the largest white sheet you can find across one and of the room; place a table a few feet in front of it on which you centre a bright lamp (turn all other lights out); put the low stool or chair between table and sheet, but nearer the sheet; let the judge, or guest of honour sit on the chair facing the sheet. Now the pass behind the chair so that your shadows fall on the sheat. The judge must decide who is who - far harder than you'd think.

Chess

guesses correctly, he earns one

Scrooge's dickens of a dream It was Christmas Eve, 1850, and did not sound right. Thackeray perhaps? Yes, that seemed more again. Perhaps the gruel he had likely. White, Szen, Black, Anderssen, Sicilian Defence.

had for supper was too rich - or cise it was because of the disagreeable day he had had. For some reason or other, people seemed to take him for a philanthropist of the foolish order of the brothers Cheeryble, the idiots who had invested in gilt-edged stock and then returned interest plus capital appreciation to the government, saying that its need was greater

than theirs. it was all the fault of that popular novelist who, some seven years ago, had published a piece dripping with sentimental pathos entitled A Christmas Carol purporting to describe the change of character brought about by nocturnal visitations.

What the dickens was the writer's name? Charles something or other. Trollope? That

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a succession of mendicants, charitable institutions and the like applying to him for help. Today, for instance, on arriving at his counting-house in the City, he had found a certain Howard Staunton, a literary chessmaster who made a precarious living from chess and writing about Shakespeare. He was, it seems, asking for so much time with his QN.

subscriptions towards an interheld in London in 1851. Whoever heard of such a

in the hope he would make appropriate use of the remaining 14 shillings. But now he was dreaming

mas Yet to Come was talking to him about London, 1851. 'It's a wonderful occasion with great players from all over Europe. Players from Austria. France, Germany, Hungary and

There was even going to be a

player from Russia - Maior

Jaenisch - but he will come too

ominous red shade, "the Russians, powerful players though they were, are, and will be, were not exactly noted for their reliability. For example, in the year 1983, you will find them instructing two of their grandmasters, Psakhis and Beljavsky, that they are going to play at Hastings and then, only a few weeks before the tournament, informing the Hastings organduke Wyvill MP. He got as far as

izers indirectly that no players the final where he was beaten by are to be sent them. Hungarian, Szcn, and the week. German, Adolf Anderssen. Here is the game."

At all events, ever since that accursed Carol, there had been said the ghost, translating for Ebenezer's benefit, "stepping back in order to jump the better"; but Scrooge, who had been a good player in his youth. wondered why White did not play 11 P-Q4 instead of wasting

national chess tournament to be

ridiculous idea? He had just received a donation of one shilling from Bob Cratchit; but he. Ebenezer, was not quite such a fool. As for Bob Cratchit. if he could afford to contribute fifteenth of his wages, then in future a shilling would be deducted from his weekly wages

again, and the ghost of Christ-"Here", said the vision, becoming more shadowy and indistinct, "Anderssen played a all the leading British players. combination

the figure disappeared. Ebenlate for the tournament." ezer awoke and found himself "In fact", and here the spectre took on a rather staring at the wall. Can you work out what was played? Ebenezer, who had been a strong player in his youth when he invented the saying "Look after the pawns and the King will take care of itself", did in fact manage to do so and was so happy at discovering a sort of second youth that he gave quite a lot of money towards the event, in which he played under the unlikely alias of Marma-

Anderssen. "Many fine games are being For those who have not played at London, 1851. In Ebenezer's skill I shall give the particular one between the continuation of the game next

Harry Golombek

Today

LONDON TOURIST INFORMATION: The London Tourist Board's information services are operating today at Victoria, Harrods and Heathrow; and on Boxing Day at Victoria, Heathrow and the special telephone line 01-730 3488. There is also a "What's On" recorded information service 24 hours a day on 01-246 and 1 on 01-246 8041.

KING'S COLLEGE CAROLS: The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols opens with Once in Royal David's City, includes the specially commissioned When Thou Wast Barn in Winterhime, composed by Sir Lennox Berkeley to words by Betty Askwith, and ends with Hark! The Herald Angels and Shin Harl The Herald Angels Sin Shing's College, Cambridge, at 3pm. The service is being broadcast live on Radio 4.

CINDERELLA: Lionel Blair, Kenneth Connor, Patrick Cargill, Anna Neagle, Paula Wilcox, Victor Spinetti, Jacqueline Redding open today in a lavish production at the Hippodrome, Bristol (0272 299444), at 2.30pm and 7.15pm. Until Mar 3, Mon-Sat at 7.15pm; matinees Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 7, then on various

BABES IN THE WOOD: Terry Scott. Norman Vaughan, Bernard Norman Vaughan, Bernard Bresslaw, Dilys Watting, Leon Greene. Opens today at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595) at 7.30pm. Until Jan 28, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinées on many days at 2.30pm. **Christmas Day**

CHRISTMAS DAY: To stimulate an

appetite for the turkey, bathers can

Serpentine, Hyde Park; in front of the Royal Victoria Hotel at Hastings, at 10am; or on Albion Beach, near the Palace Pier, Brighton, at 11am. THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST: The fifty-first royal Christmas broadcast since King George V started the tradition in 1932 can be heard first on Radio 4 at 9.30am. It is then on BBC1 and ITV at 3pm; and on BBC2 at 9.50pm, with subtitles and signs for the deaf and hard of

Boxing Day

RACING AT KEMPTON PARK: The King George VI Chase over three miles is today's highlight, with trainer Michael Dickinson going for his fifth winner in the last six years (on

the other occasion the race was called off because of frost). His runners include Silver Buck, twice successful in the past, and Wayward Lad, the winner last year.

The race starts at 2.15pm and is

being covered live on ITV. CHRISTMAS PARTY: The popular black television comedian is having a short run of comedy and variety performances at the Winter Gardens, Bournemouth (0202 296646). Opens today at 2.30pm. Until Dec 31, Mon-Sat at 8pm (not Dec 31); matness today, Tues and Dec 31

at 2.30pm. JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: Luiu heads a cast including Bonnie Langford, Jeremy Beadle, Tony Brandon, George Sewell, Henry McGee, Ellen Thomas at Lewisham Concert Hall, Rushev Green. Cattord, London SE6 (690 3431). Opens today at 2.30pm, Until Jan

28. Mon-Sat at 2.30pm. Holiday Tuesday

KRULL: Pour all Hollywood's recent lantasy adventures into a cauldron. stir very slowly and you might come up with Peter Yates's new film. Ken Marshall stars as Prince Colwyn, anxious to destroy the Hideous Slayers; Lysette Anthony is his lady fair. Cert PG. Classic Chelsea (01-352 5096), Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644), Odeon Leicester Square (01-920 6111), and on national

COWARD AT CHRISTMAS: A new production of Birthe Spirit, with Paul Eddington, Julia McKenzie. Anna Massey and Peggy Mount, as Madame Arcati, is the first of five Noël Coward plays being broadcast on Radio 4 this week (8-9.30pm). The others are Hay Fever, with Paggy Ashcroft (Wed 8pm);



There's a little bit o' Stanley Holloway on BBC 1 (Wed)

Brief Encounter, with Ian Holm and Charvi Campball (Thurs 3.20): and Patricia Routledge (Thurs 8pm); and *Design For Living*, with Anna Massey (Fri 8pm).

LONDON'S PRIDE: The first of two programmes on the long and extraordinarily. varied career of the popular entertainer Stanley Holloway, who died in January 1982 at the age of 91. His most famous role was probably Alfred Doollttle in My Fair ady, but he was also a star of the Ealing comedies, Shakespearean actor and master of the comic monologue. BBC1, 3.30-4.20pm. The second programme. Wiv a Little Bit o' Luck, is at the same

Wednesday

lime tomorrow. CONVERSATIONS WITH Domingo, the great Spanish tenor, talks about his career to Daniel Snowman (who is writing a book about him) in the first of two programmes. Radio 4, 10.30-11pm

Thursday

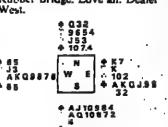
PADDY IN HIS WELLIES: Jokes about the Insh are not a creation of the Two Ronnies but go back 800 years or more. Why the Irish in particular should be such a consistent butt or humour is examined by Denys Hawthome. Radio 4, noon-12.30pm

OPERA ON FILM: Paul
Czinner's film of Strauss's
Der Rosenkavalier, (loday
and Jan 2) starring Elisabeth
Schwarzkopf, opens a short
season of four films, with Dr
Schwarzkopf discussing lonight's screening during the interval. To screening during the interval. To follow are Joseph Losey's version of Mozart's Don Glovanni (tomorrow and Jan 1): Verdi's Otello, conducted by Herbert von Karajan (Jan 3); and a Soviet him of Mozarathia Mozarathia Mussorgsky's Khovanshchina, conducted by Yevgeny Svetlanov. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (01-928 3191) at 6pm. Tickets

Friday

WATERS OF THE MOON: New television production of N.C. Hunter's play about the disruption of the quiet Christmas routine of a Cevan hotel by a rich family from London who arrive suddenly when their Polici Power bracks days as their Rolls-Royce breaks down and are marconed by a snowdrift. Penelopo Keith leads the interlapers and Virginia McKenna is the wdow who refuses to fall under their spell. BBC1. 9-10.40pm.

Some players adore freaks, with the huge swings and enormous penalties they invariably entail.



South was my friend Alfred Huberman, who as a rear-gunner in the last war is accusso far, he asked what I would do at that point. Sensing that if I doubled the opening lead would

"Never mind, Jeremy".

200." The next hand, which I enjoyed rather more, I will present as a lead problem. As West, you hold:

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deals, and you listen to this remarkable bidding:

Obviously an anxious moment Partner, who has

Although it is close to a guess, you should just prefer a heart. Declarer may be taking a gamble with a side suit that is not solid. Alternatively his side suit may be solid. Your possession of the ΦJ is inconsistent with the latter, so you lead a heart which much to your relief

your partner ruffs. This was the full hand:

rules and ethics committee.

The Bridge Players Acol Diary is compiled and distributed by Mrs Rhoda Lederer, 5 Ellis Avenue, Chalfont St Peter. Buckinghamshire, SL9 9UA, in a variety of colours, price £2 (£1.90 without pencil). It contains a valuable summary of the Acol system as well as much useful bridge information.

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folded paper is passed to your neighbour and each player takes it in turn to read his out, keeping it Bourbon king of Naples, was an Rig up some sheets as a backcloth. Give the children plenty of dressing enthusiast and the inaugration animals. It was to remind him folded until the last minute. of his enormous presepio (or of the reality of the Christmas crib) on Christmas eve was an Botticelli story. There were no figures of important court function. It was the Holy Family in this "crib", but as they celebrated Christ-mas in the stable, fellow-monk This is really a game for adults or very well-read children, beloved by all those who fancy themselves as a theatrical scene with mountains, villages, markets and several thousand figures in all. 经数据标准 untried Mastermind or University Giovanni Vellita had a vision of Challenge contestants, it can prove disastrous if you pretend to an the Christ child in St Francis's

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

London dealers ready to venture forth

The Stock Exchange Council has taken another step toward the brave new world. of negotiated brokers' commissions and dual capacity with a notice containing rules for International Dealers (IDs). They will make their overdue entry in March: arguably the absence of such beings has already cost the London market many millions of turnover since the abolition of foreign exchange controls in November

For good reasons - they include cost as well as expertise - British financial institutions have channelled their derestricted appetite for overseas stocks through American and Japanese brokers. If London is to build a reputation as an international stock market, it needs its IDs dealing as freely as possible in overseas involvement here by American and ments for management, administration, Japanese brokers who see the freedom American pension funds have been given to invest abroad as a huge new business

opportunity.

The Stock Exchange Council is treading soon as possible. warily, endeavouring to keep IDs at arm's length from the Stock Exchange proper and at the same time to keep them on a

"In recognition of the fact that IDs will be dealing in an international market largely over the telephone and with professional counterparties; the noice a presence on the floor."

They will be limited liability companies, which may be owned by one member firm, or a consortium of firms, which may be made up of broking firms, iobbing firms and non-member firms (a gesture to London's new spirit of internationalism) provided a member or members have more than 50 per cent of the equity. An ID may deal only as a principal, le as if it were a true blue London jobber, and as it is a jobber by another name its dealing book is free from the constraints of stamp duty. There is a word of caution:

"As an ID will be dealing as a principal, care must be taken to ensure that all transactions are undertaken only with

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professional or more sophisticated private investors. The council believes that most private clients are best served by employing a broker as a agent, required to deal in the best interests of his clients."

It is worth emphasizing that the Stock Exchange Compensation Fund "will not normally cover transactions or any other activity by an ID." Nontheless there might be losses that could not be entirely ignored by the Stock Exchange: "The discretionary nature of the Fund may allow compensation in exceptional circumstances."

Other rules seem pretty strict, IDs will have to maintain at all times a minumum liquidity margin of £500,000. A firm wanting to set up an ID must first submit to the Council "a detailed business plan securities, as much as it needs a greater showing the capital structure and arrangeaccounting and internal control. Amember firm which deals with an ID must report "for surveillance purposes" all bargains to the Official Lists Office as

> ID's will deal on a cash against delivery basis and are not able to take deposits or deal on margin. IDs are not allowed to become members of overseas stock

exchanges. The Council has also made it a rule that 'Unless the Council otherwise decides. says, they should not be permitted to have the censure, suspension, or expulsion of an International Dealer shall operate also as the censure, suspension, or explusion of all its Member Directors."

Although ID's may deal or settle in any currency, they will not be allowed to trade in American Deposiory Receipts, issued by more and more leading "blue chip" copanies to enable financial institutions to avoid stamp duty by buying stock through New York.

While the Council has enabled member firms to begin genuine international businesses, they are clearly on very short strings. Having said that ambitious London jobbers like Smith Brothers, in harness with NM Rothschild, would admit that the potential for a skilled, well

Courtaulds into the light

Courtaulds has had four years of gruelling and necessary rationalization under the chairmanship of 43-year-old Mr Christopher Hogg. If penny pinching was the watch word it may longer be so, judge by the five-for-three share exchange the reviving textile company is offering for the 9.2 million shares (12.2 per cent) it does not own in International Paint.

The terms put a value on International Paint of £154.6m or 45 per cent of the profile that will guarantee a viable future. £344m at which the market values Courtaulds. In the year to the end of March; International Paint accounted for only 17 per cent of group sales, 28 per cent of trading profits and 22 per cent of capital

In the first half of the present trading year, International Paint's profit contribution shrunk again in the face of declining world demand for industrial

paints.
It has not always been so. Two years ago, International Paint was worth as much in market capitalization as the whole of Courtaulds.

It still took courage to put faith and money in Hogg whose reputation was made at Mr George Brown's Industrial Reorganisation Corporation and who rode to the office on a bicycle and preferred a Volkswagen Beetle to any other car. But he has succeded where others might have qualified at the undertaking. Courtaulds again is reasonably profitable though it is still searching for the higher technology

When the company raised £68m with a right issue last May, it hoped to make an acquisition in speciality chemicals in the US. The board had even appointed a director, Mr Ed Barr, to travel the length of the land to find one. But the strength of US equity markets and the dollar itself has more or less ruled out such ambitions for the moment.

In the light of this frustration, the full consolidation of International Paint, which Mr Hogg says is the only paint of Courtaulds at present making regular technical breakthroughs, looks the right

WALL STREET

Share prices retreat

Declines were nearly 5-to-4

161%, off %, Atlantic Richfeld
41%, % lower, Dun & Brads
treet, 60% down 1. Great
Northern Nekoosa, 60%, off 1%.
General Electric, 58%, off % and
General Motors, 73%, up %.
Grumman fell 4% to 26. On

Thursday, the company forecast that 1984 earnings would be about this year's expected \$3.80 to \$3.90 a share. Net income in 1982, from continued oper-Salomon Brothers and Bear cut direction yesterday.

Mr Ted Webb, senior vicepresident at Bull & Bear Group, said: These extraordinary markets always seem to happen around yearend. Here we have mostly sideways action and little real progress, while people are continuing to do window

He noted the huge volume in American Telephone and its when issued stock. They led the most active issues yesterday

Long Island Lighting - dropped on Thursday on bad news. So the market did not show a clear-

GM-Toyota agreement could Prices drift lead to wave of mergers The United States Federal

Trade Commission has tentatively approved a joint production agreement between General Motors and Toyota in a decision regarded as one of the most sweeping revisions of United States antitrust laws in more than a decade.

By a close three-to-two vote, the commission ruled that the wo car companies could jointly build more than 250,000 Japanese-designed small cars at a GM plant at Fremont, California, without violating American antitrust laws.

The decision has cleared the

vay for mergers among huge international corporations which have avoided such ventures in the past for fear of running foul of strict American

By Andrew Cornelins

n Northern Ireland.

their present names.
The companies

supermarkets in Northern Ire-

land with a total selling area of

January 31 they made com-bined pretax profits of £4.68m.

Eagle Star

bids still

in balance

By Our Financial Staff

The bidding for Eagle Star Holdings was left in the balance last night as the West German

insurer, Allianz Versicherungs,

acceptances from shareholders

representing 0.01 per cent of

The acceptances take the Allianz stake in Eagle to 30.01

per cent, ahead of the 4.30pm deadline on December 30 set by the Takeover Panel for the final

indication of any progress in the

talks between Allianz and BAT

Industries who are competing to

win control of Eagle Star. Both bidders have made indentical

675p per share bids for Eagle worth £934m.

Although the offers are identical, Sir Denis Mountain, chairman of Eagle Star, favours the BAT bid. He argues that

parent than Allianz and that the

BAT offer is better because

If there is no progress in the

discussions between Allianz and BAT over resolving the battle for control of Eagle Star the

City's biggest takeover battle is likely to be decided by a one-day auction on December 30.

THE BIDDING FOR EAGLE

there is a paper alternative.

Eagle's shares.

bids to be made.

reported that it had receive

domestic competitors an-nounced that they would fight the decision on the grounds that a joint venture between GM. the world's largest car company, and Toyota, the third largest, clearly violated American law.

Mr Lee lococca, chairman of Chrysler, said "After this decision, what kind of deal will be off-limits?" He vowed to fight the ruling over the next 60 days in the courts and through ssible action in Congress.
It's not right and I will do everything in my power to see that the American public gets a

the decision.

The decision was approved

clear picture of just how wrong

late on Thursday after weeks of

commission tried to meet formally after a 60-day public widespread criticismof the venthat only information concern-ing the joint venture could be exchanged. ture by setting strict limits and terms on the deal. It was forced votes as the negotiations Mr Roger Smith, GM chairman, said in response to the criticism that he was confident

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But finally, the commission majority agreed to a venture which would allow the makers to begin producing more than 250,000 cars a year, based on the Toyota Corolla, for sales in the US for 12 years beginning in

being producing additional cars for Toyota but would not be allowed to share in these profits or be privy to secret information from Toyota on the additional car models.

In the half year to November

Dec. against £17m last year,

However, Mr Monk has said

that it would take at least three

years for the full benefits to be

obtained from the merger of the

Key Markets and Dee business

At a later date, GM could

lower With the stock market closing for Christmas at lunch-

time yesterday, investors showed little euthusiasm to open up new positions and many decided to postpone decisions

Most of the business was completed after the first hour and prices were left to drift lower because of lack of support. The FT Index, after its record-breaking run closed 1.2 points lower at 775.0.

Gilts reflected a firmer pound and managed to hold on to early leads of up to 25p at the longer end of the market in thin trade.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 775.0 down 1.2 FT Gilts: 83,15 up 0.01 FT All Share: 469.24 down

Bargains: N/A Detastronm USM Leaders Index:95.70 up 0.1 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1250.91 down 2.75
Tokyo: Mikisi Down 25.25 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 867.30 up 3.74
Amsterdam: 157.8 up 0.2
Sydney: AO Index 762.2 up
1.0

Frankfurt: Commerchani Index 1031.7 down 2.7 Brussels: General Index 136.44 up 0.47

Paris: CAC Index 153.8 up Zurich: SKA General 312.80

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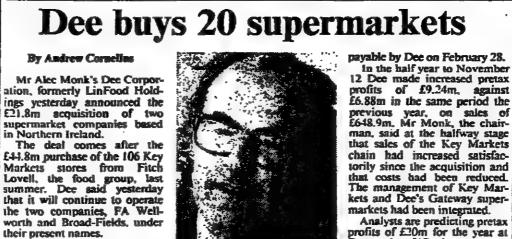
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INTEREST RATES

Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 9% Discount market loans week 3 month interbank 9/16-9/8



Alec Meak: £21.8m expansio is Northern Ireland

280,000 sq ft. In the year to last The acquisition will funded by the issue of 5.7 million Dee ordinary shares. Of Pretax profits in the year to these, 1.4 millions will be January 31, 1984, are likely to be higher. The net assets of the two companies is £17.42m.

Mr Monk is still dissatisfied placed and will carry the right to the interim dividend of 7p about the margins he is

Virani lifts Belhaven stake

Virani Group UK, the pri- acquire four former British Rail

vately-owned trading company of Mr Nazmu Virani, yesterday announced the purchase of 750,000 Belhaven Brewery shares taking its stake to 27.31 per cent or 5,938,200 shares.

Recently, Mr Ronnie Aitken, who joined the company as its fifth chairman in 1979, resigned after a disagreement with the joint chairman, Mr Eric Morley, over the proposed sale of Belhaven hotels to Mr Virani. Last August, Belhaven an-nounced that it had agreed to

hotels in Scotland from Virani. Virani was then going to lease the hotels back and guarantee Belhaven an outlet for its beer The deal also included the sale to Virani of a Belhaven hotel in Spain for £1.4m. That would have left Mr

Virani with a substantially increased equity stake but the deal has now been put into

On the Belhaven side, it appears that separate bids for the hotel are being taken.

the Embassy Cleaners chain of 117 dry cleaners from Imasco Retail for £4.5m. The chain in

Toronto and Southern Ontario made pretax profits of £438,000 in the year to April 1983 The American deal will be financed by a medium-term loan and cash, and the Cana-Domestic rutue:

dian one by cash plus a seven year term loan facility in Canada Mr Thomas Adam, group finance director, said the company's long-term aim was to

have its business split equally

between home and overseas

the courts would rule in favour of the venture because of the

backing it has recieived from

Mr James Miller, chairman

of the commission said the majority had approved the venture because it would benefit the American public by

increasing the supply of low-cost small cars and would give GM an opportunity to learn more cost-efficient production

Sketchley to

expand in

N America

Sketchley is planning to buy

an American nappy service and a Canadian dry cleaning chain

which will tip the balance of its

business to being mainly over-

Sales of the laundry group

used to be 40/60 between

overseas and home but if the

two deals so through the balance will be 60/40 the other

Sketchley will pay £9.09m for

the nappy service division of Blessines Corporations of Pisca-taway. New Jersey. This service

rents nappies to mothers, at home, hospitals and nursing

in the year to January, 1983,

made an operating profit of

A Canadian subsidiary has

been set up by Sketchley to buy

homes in 23 cities

methods from Toyota.

the commission.

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 10-4-10-8 3 month DM 6-16-6-16 3 month Fr F132/16 132/16

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NEWS IN BRIEF Stenhouse steps up

bid fight

The board of Stenhouse Holdings has urged its share-holders not to accept the £53m takeover attempt by its 49 per cent owned Canadian subsidi-ary Reed Stenhouse. This follows the announcemet by Reed Stenhouse Holdings shareholders for its offer of one Reed Stenhouse share, plus 20p cash, for every five Stenhouse

The Stenhouse Holdings board is opposing the bid on the ground that if favours the Canadian shareholders in Reed Stenhouse at the expense of Stenhouse Holdings share-holders. The board said that the 36.5 per cent acceptance level includes prior commitments from Continental Corporation of New York which holds 20 per cent of the shares and the 5.2 per cent holding of the Reed Stenhouse Voluntary Equity

This means that acceptances from other shareholders totalled only 11.3 per cent, according to the Stenhouse Holdings board.

Allied Irish tank announced yesterday the first step in its £99m campaign to take over First Maryland Bancorp, of the United States. The bank has taken a 43 per cent stake for an undisclosed sum and said it will be purchasing more shares over the next four years to bring its holding to more than 50 per

 British Airways and China's National Airline have agreed on a plan breaking the Chinese carrier's monopoly on the Peking-Hongkong route.

factories operating while talks made the shares slip. about a possible rescue package

in moderate trading

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 2.75 to my Corp. 63, up 21/2.

ahead of rising stocks.

International Business Machines 123%, up %, Teledyne, 161%, off %, Atlantic Richfield

New York (APH Dow Steams have dropped Grum-Jones).— Share prices were man from their buy lists.

Monsanto is off 2 at 105%, early trading on the New York
Stock Exchange yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial

Knight-Ridder, 25½ up %, CSX,

Lock Exchange yesterday.

Lock Exchange yesterday.

Coleco, 20½ up % and Alleghe-

morning.
Public Service of Indiana and

Date Bidder Price Value For 30% 1.6.81 Allianz 19.10.83 Allianz 290p 500p 575p 650p 660p 665p etake 2692m E798m 2900m E914 2920m 2934m 2934 2.11.83 BAT 28.11.83 Albara 28.11.83 BAT 14.12.83 Albara

14.12.83 BAT 22.12.83 Alianz 675p 675p GOLD

am \$379.50 pm close \$379.75-380.50 (£265.50-266) New York latest: \$380.50

Krugerrand* (per coin): \$391.50-393 (£273.75-274.75) Sovereigns" (new): \$89.25-90.25 (262.25-63)

Institutional shareholders baulk at £12m offer

Rift in F Miller takeover

A conflict has developed in the agreed £12m takeover by Nottingham Manufacturers of fellow Marks and Spencer textile suplier, F Miller (Tex-

Grieg, Middleton yesterday resigned as joint stockbroker to the Glasgow-based, children's clothing manufacturer, Miller. The broker said that leading institutional shareholders have told them of "their surprise at the low level of the offer."

The all-share, one-for-six. offer values Miller shares at Bankruptcy proceedings for Dunlop's French subsidiary are price of 42p and a level ruling in likely to remain suspended in the market of 60p, before the new year to keep its reports of prolems at Miller The institutional share-

holders are Scottish Amicable

M G X Nominees, Clydesdale Bank Nominees, Prudential Nominees and NC Lombard Street Nominees.

Between them the insti-tutions, hold 10.1 million shares, equivalent to 30 per cent of the issued equity. Directors of Miller, their families and associated interests, representing 17 per cent, have accepted

The institutions also expressed concern that what it considered a low offer had been recommended by the board and its advisers, Singer and Fried-

The broker said that it will be consulting with the institutional shareholders in F Miller soon to discuss what action will be

include £3m in cash, and has been trading profitably on a regular basis for the last 10

At the time of the agreement Mr F Miller, the chairman, said that future trading did not look encouraging and that a failure to achieve a desired increase in turnover had put margins under

However, in October, he said

that more design and sales staff were being hired, "to get into more profitable areas and broaden the customer base."

Mr Miller said that the company would not be able to restore former levels of profitability, but as part of a larger group "future prospects should be more secure," Barlow Clowes

Touche

Remnant

Banking

NatWest efficiency machine in action

Having been accused of bearing a grudge against National Westminster Bank, Christmas being the season of goodwill and all that, it seems the right time to redress the balance. This is a true Christmas tale of astonishing efficiency by Nat-West.

Last week, I received a telephone call from a polite young man from the bank who wanted to know if I had used the cash machine at Holborn Hall branch on Friday night. "Yes," I replied, "I had".

"How much did you with-draw and did you have any trouble with the machine", he

I had drawn out £50. And I said: "The only problem I had was that it did not seem to last as long as usual".

But then it never does. You can hardly blame that on the

"Are you sure you took all the money?" he wanted to

but I must admit I didn't count it". I replied.

Later the same day, the man from the bank rang up again to say that the bank had checked with other customers who had also used the machine and had come to the conclusion that I must be the person who had been underpaid - note that. UNDERPAID.

"Have you any idea how much you might have been short, he asked.

Faced with this impossible decision I came to the conclusion that I must have had at least £30 from the machine - a minimum of two £5 notes and two £10 notes.

"Fine", said the polite young man, "we will be crediting your account with £10 if that is all right with you.

I was so astonished, I am not sure whether I remembered to

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been put on his metal?

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We hope readers of Family Money pick up many nseful money saving tips. Sue Bevan has compiled a holiday quiz to test your knowledge on personal finance - the answers can all be found in past numbers of Family Money Regular readers should be able to score at least 20 correct answers.

Questions

- Which building societies gave access to Access?
- What did Save & Prosper do to interest people with bank
- Why are there lions in Chelsea?
- 4 Who split Cedar four ways? 5 Who got mired in Miras?
- 6 How did Grindlays go for Continental travellers have
- had to carry extra weight since May. Why?
- 8 Which building society made it a good day for the ducks? 9 Why were housebuyers
- pleased by the height of the ceiling? 10 Decus et Tutamen is:
- a) the motto of the Stock Exchange? b) on the £1 coin? c) above the entrance of the gold futures exchange? d) an oath taken by the chairman of Lloyd's?
- b) 63% c) 75%
- Who will display their figures in your living room?

FREE

BANKING

- 13 What policymaker wants to insure that the wealthy keep their affairs in order? 14 Which institution has helped its savers to be less 19 Where did Steve Ovett calculating?
- 15 Who decided more should be rolling in from rolling

B: Why are these girls far from stumped by

- How many Britons can you bank on?
 a) 50%

 16 Who is putting less of a premium on beating burglars?
 - 17 Why are bank accounts moving to Yorkshire?
 - 18 He could have turned £300 into £485 but he settled for £100. Who is this promising voung investor?
 - insure he came first?
 - 20 How did this man add interest to the rates?



C: When did beauty queens dazzle the City with statistics?

Answers

I National and Provincial and Nationwide, who joined forces with National Westminster and Midland banks to make their customers eligible to apply for an

Access card. The S & P Unit trust group launched a high interest deposit account with a Cheque book facility avail able to those with more than £2,500 to invest.

Because Chelsea Building Society has reissued its popular Lion shares which pay premium interest over a three-year term.

Touche Remnant when it unitized Cedar Investment Trust, turning it into four unit trusts.

5 Everyone buying a house on a mortgage with the intro-duction of the new method October launched its of deducting mortgage interest relief at source. The change meant some nasty shocks for homebuyers

when they opened their pay changing its way of calculatpackets at the end of April. Grindleys Bank joined the American Express Gold Card programme and customers earning £20,000 a year can now apply for a card which gives an instant overdraft facility of £7,500. Since May anyone wanting to cash cheques overseas has

to have a Eurocheque encashment card issued by the banks to overcome the escalating incidence of fraud. Midland, the odd bank out, went over to an entirely new system involv-ing a new uniform Eurocheque Card and separate cheques which can be used in shops and restaurants as well as in banks.

The Greenwich which has launched an adopt a duck account, under whose rules it makes a £4 donation to the Wildfowl Trust for every account opened and savers can select and name their own duck.

9 The Government's proposal to raise the limit on mortgage interest tax relief from £25,000 to £30,000 which was dropped from the Finance Bill before the election, was replaced in the mini budget. 10 It is the engraving round the

edge of the new £1 coin. It means "an ornament and a safeguard," and is intended to deter conterfeiters be-cause it is difficult to reproduce. These days 75 per cent of British adults hold a bank

current or deposit account.
Nottingham Building Society
and the Bank of Scotland which have launched the Homelink home banking system. Subscribers using a computer console linked to their television can transfer

their accounts.

13 Hambro Life, the life assurance company, which

cash, pay bills and check

financial management programme offering a package of services to the busy. or lazy, client with at least £25,000 to place. The National Savings Bank which from January I is the place of the place of

life assurance?

ing interest on it investment accounts and will pay on a daily basis. The old system where interest was earned only on whole pounds for whole months meant that investors had to be very careful about the timing of their payments and withdrawals. 15 The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Law-

son, who has dictated that from January 1 any gains made in offshore roll-up funds (which have dodged tax by reinvesting interest thus providing a capital gain rather than income) will be taxed as income at the highest marginal rate. The Sun Alliance Insurance

Company, whose new Firemark home contents policy gives a discount on premiums to those who take special precautions against the burglary.

Because the Yorkshire Bank is one of the few to offer free banking to those who keep in credit. Its current accounts rose by 800,000 in the year to October 1983.

18 Ward Lawrence who emerged overall winner of The Times/Money Programme unit trust competition. A sum of £100 invested in each of his three sections: Britannia Gold and General: Britannia Minerals and Crescent Tokyo, over calendar 1982, would have turned into a total £484.72.

all he got was the prize of £100. 19 Steve Ovett, the middle distance runner, took out the first policy when the Prudential joined forces with the Amateur Athletic Association to provide personal accident cover for

But schoolboy Ward did not

actually invest in his tips so

athletics. 20 Mr Clive Thornton, chief executive of the Abbey National Building Society (about to become chairman of the Mirror newspaper wrecked the big

A: It is the platinum Noble minted by the Isle of Man government with a face value of £10.

B: They are members of an all female sales force spearheaded by intercricketer national Rachael Heyhoe Flint (centre) and trained by St George Assurance to sell

interest rates when he pulled Abbey out.

societies' cartel for flxing

22 Chailey Lambert who makes silver models as a hobby has been given the chance to make it a full-time job by winning the "Head Start in conjunction with Abbey National Building Society. Part of the prize is a rent and rate-free office for a

Answers to picture quiz

Katie Boyle is promoting Pet Plan's new scheme for insuring the cost of vets'

Backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, Brigid Sandford Smith won her campaign to make Pentos, the bookshop and publishing company, chan-ge its pension scheme rules to allow widowers of female employees, to receive a pension as of right.

insurance and savings products to women.

C: On April 14, 1983 when Mr. Eric Morley's Miss World company was floated on the Unlisted Securities Market and the shares soared from 60p to 133p on the first day of dealing.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account - no interest pald.
Deposit accounts - Midland,
Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 5½ per
cent, seven days notice required
for withdrawals. National Girobank
7 per cent. Lloyds extra interest 9
per cent. Monthly income account
Natwest 9½ per cent. Fixed term
deposits £2,500-£25,000 - 1, 3 and
6 months 8¾ per cent. Rates 6 months 8% per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks nay differ

National Savings Bank Ordinary accounts - Interest 6 per cent on £500 minimum on deposit for whole of 1984, otherwise 3 per

National Savings Certificates 26th

Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8.26 per cent, maximum investment £5,000. National Savings Income Bond

Min investment £2,000 - max. £200,000. Interest - 11½ per cent variable at six weeks notice - paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice – check penalties. National Savings 2nd Index-lin

certificates
Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1984 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1983 and Octob-er 1984 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 Retirement Issue certificates purchased in November 1978, £177,46 including bonus and

National Savings Deposit Bond. Minimum Investment £500 max £50,000, 111/2 per cent variable at six weeks notice. Credited annually without deduction of tax. Repay-ment at three months notics. Half interest only paid on bonds repaid during the first year. Guaranteed Income Bonds

Return paid net of basic rate tax. higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.

2 years English Insurance 8.4 per cent. 3 years Crescent Life 8.5 per cent. 4 years American Life 9.0-10.5 per cent. 5 years Eurolife 9.5

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Samuel De

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Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 91 % per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, ptr-chased through stockbroker or

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments. interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable tax deducted at source reclamable by non-taxpayers). I year Lambeth 19½ per cant. 2-3 years Hyndbuth 10½ per cent. 4-8 years Knowsley 11½. 9-10 years Worthing 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered institute of Public Loans Bureau (01-828 7855 after 3pm) see also on Prestel no 24808. Building societies

Ordinary share accounts - 7.25 per cent. Term shares - 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1.75 per cant over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. winning the "Head Start in Business" competition run Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered, individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax.

Not recisimable by non-taxpayers. investors in industry Fixed term, fixed rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3 years, 10½ per cent; 4-5 years, 10½ per cent; 6-10 years, 11½ per cent; 6-10 years, per cent; Further information from 3i, 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1

Finance house deposite (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits,
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The £300m-a-year cigar market looks like improving its performance this year, possibly by nearly 3 per cent, after three years of falling sales. The improvement has come in the run-up to Christmas, when about a third of all cigars are

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Sales of fine cigars, aimed up- machine-sized appears to be benefiting most is Gallaher, Britain's second lar-gest tobacco manufacturer and a part of American Brands. Cuban harvests hit by storms, importers are worried by future supplies.

The sales recovery has shown most in the whiffs sector, which accounts for three-quarters of

accounts for three-quarters of all cigar sales. The sector is dominated by Hamlet, Gallahof the volume market - cr's Benson and Hedges brand.

Imperial Toacco, Britain's biggest tobacco manufacturer, dominates the larger cigar market, with its Wills Castellas and Wintermans half coronas. one of the Dutch range which it imports. The panatella sector, accounting for 10 per cent of all cigar sales, is the least, bouyant,

according to Imperial Imperial also dominates the miniatures market, its Tom Thumb brand being market eader with Winterman's Cafe Creme as number two. The miniatures sector has merely

stopped declining.
Imperial says that all its brands, including the imported ones have been at least holding

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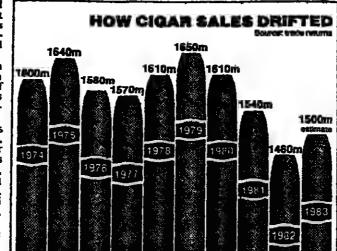
The main battle is among the medium-sized whiffs, where Imperial claims a 40 per cent share through Panama and such brands as Embassy Slims, Grandee and John Player Mild.

The whiffs sector is showing a growth of up to I per cent, and Hamlet, for which a 65 per cent market share is claimed, has improved its share by 3 per cent this year, according to Mr Guy Moreland-Green, general manager cigars for Gallaher. Pana-ma. its nearest challenger, is credited with 14 per cent.

Gallaher whiff-sized Mani-kin, once Britain's best selling cigar, is trailing behind at least four Imperial brands with a 5 per cent share. Smokers have not liked its shorter and his liked its shorter, stubbier, darker-leaf nature, preferring instead, slimmer cigars with lighter wrapper leaf...

As a result, Manikin has changed. Gallaher has retained its leaf formula to give a fuller taste, but has slimmed and lengthened the cigar. The new formula has just gone on national sale after being testmarketed in the south-east. The change looks like stabilizing sales and possibly turning them round.

Moreland-Green said: "The cigar market is pretty steady and conservative, so only a small increase in sales over the next year can be expected." Offsetting the whiffs growth is a declining trend in panatellas, although only peripheral brands have lost sales, he



Imperial is inclined to be more optimistic on sales trends. It is looking to possibly 1,500 million cigars going into the trade this year, an increase on 1982 of almost 3 per cent.

By value cigars account for 4.5 per cent of the tobacco market in Britain, compared with 2.7 per cent in the United States, and reflects the way smaller cigars have become more an everyday habit. Fiftyseven per cent of cigars are smoked by lower socio-economic groups,

At the other end of the scale, fine cigars sell about 4.5 million year, far fewer than they used to and less than I per cent of the cigar market by volume. The trade is largely through a handful of London-based im-porters. One of those is Dunhill, in which Rothman International has a majority stake. According to Mr Richard Dunhill, the chairman, "fine cigar sales are up 15 per cent with us. Some manufacturers

are claiming more than that." With possibly half of Havana cigars now made by machine to the dismay of connoisseurs who inveigh against the chop-ping of leaves - a distinct market segment is emerging of hand-rolled Havanas at premium prices. Monte Cristo and Davidoff have been making the running, closely followed by Romeo y Julietta.

The top of the new Dunnill range costs £11.50 in an individual box and gives a three-hour smoke. Historically, cigar sales rise and fall according to the availability of disposabe income

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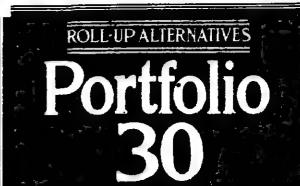


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News is expected in the New Year that a mystery buyer has built up a 4 per cent stake in Distillers, Britain's largest exporter of scotch whisky.

Yesterday, the shares stood out among the FT constituents with a 2p rise to 236p - a rise on the week of 17p. At this level, the group, whose brands include Jonny Walker Red Label and White Horse, are valued at £85.7m with historic asset backing of more than 300p a

share. Word is that the buying has caused some apprehension in the Distillers boardroom. A spokesman for Distillers said the company was aware of the strength in the share price over the past three or four days, but never comments on market rumour. Speculation has mentioned a possible consortium bid. But any bid is likely to be referred to the Monopolies

Commission.
Stocks of scotch whisky. equivalent to seven years' worth of consumption, are stored in Scottish distillers, but analysts estimate that sales have bottomed out and there are now signs of a pick-up in world index closing the short working-

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MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

Buyer worries Dist ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 12. Dealings and, Dec 29. Contango Day, Dec 30. Settlement Day, Jan 9.

demand. Recent interim profits from Distillers showed a fall of £17m to £64.9m and for the full year analysts expect a £10m shortfall on last year's £209m. The rest of the equity market almost ground to a halt with

The broker Capel-Cure Myers has become a fan of Spring Ram, the Yorkshire bathroom and kitchen equipment manufacturer, and says it has "outstanding" prospects. CCM expects prefax profits to grow from £1.03m to £1.40m this rear followed by £2m next year and procompands begins the and recommends buying the shares at or below the present level of 171p.

brokers drifting back to their offices around lunchtime for a farewell drink before the Christmas festivities got under way. Leading shares slipped back on lack of support with the FT

session 1.2 down at 775.0. Gilts responded to a firmer pound which closed 15 points up Meanwhile, the Lloyds Bank against the dollar at \$1,4295 on the foreign exchange. Dealers reported gains of up to 25p at the longer end in thin trade with sentiment still supported by the recent batch of optimistic forecasts on the domestic

Elsewhere among the leaders, Bowater slipped 2p from a Bowater slipped 2p from a year's high to 265p on profit taking Rumours persist that Sir James Goldsmith's General Occidentale may be buying the shares, Beecham lost 3p to 318p along with Glaxo 5p to 720p. ICI 4p to 656p. TI Group 2p to 170p and Tate & Lyle 3p to 378p.

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pension fund has found itself the owner of a 5.5 per cent stake in Crystalate Holdings, the

It has been a good account, so

far, for the discount houses. All week, the shares have responded to whispers of a impartate merger of some sort. Yesterday. the market speculator's money was on Alexanders Discount on 332p. Jessel Taynbee on 68p and Smith St Aubyn on 47p.
Only last year, Jessel Toynbec decided to merge with Gillett Bros after months of rumour.

electronics group, as a result of the 6 per cent it held in Royal Warcester. Crystalate recently made a successful bid for Royal Worcester to which Lloyds was one of the underwriters for part

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Crystalate slipped 1p to 199p on

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Sir Monty Finniston is taking up an option to buy 100,000 shares in Metal Sciences, the shot blasting grit maker, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market this year. Sir Monty, chairman of Metal Sciences, is excited by current market reserch confirming a substantial market for the group's high quality abrasive and has already attracted serious inquiries from overseas. Full production will get uner way in the New Year.
The shares slipped 1p to 18p.
Laing & Cruickshank has
recently been appointed the

group's broker. The UnitedKingdom Provideat Institution has bought an extra 400,000 shares in NSS Newsagents taking its total holding to 5.5m (17.3 per cent). NSS was unchanged at 94p. Mr Jimmy Gulliver, chair-

man of Argyll Group, has sold im shares in the group following the merger with Amaiga-mated Distilled Products, reducing his stake to 5.7m. Two other directors, Mr Matthew Grant owns: 88 per cent of the of the cash offer, which would and Mr David Webster, have company. The deal is worth have given it extra shares. sold a total of 500,000 shares. and Mr David Webster, have THE TIMES 1000

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For four months they have been running at a regular pace, as the halfway stage of their elongated race comes into view, they now face a cruelly short, sharp sprint. Over the festive period most teams will be required to play four matches in eight days.

Liverpool, whose overall strength and fitness has become almost as traditional as the decorations on a Christmas tree. adapt admirably to such a change of speed but this year they may find themselves unusually short of breath. Two Milk Cup ties in three days against Birmingham City were, after all, scarcely the ideal

Their programme becomes progressively harder. On Boxing Day they visit West Bromwick Albion, who have lost their last three home games as well as most of their players. Statham is injured. Thompson and Owen are suspended and Whitehead, MacKenzie, Bennett and Robertson are all considered more than doubtful. Liverpool go on toe entertain Leicester City, who have not only recovered to take 10 out of the last 15 points but also won at Anfield on their last visit two years ago. After travelling to Nottingham Forest, they then return home to meet their most realistic challengers. Manchester United, on January 2,

Melia wants a job in England

Jimmy Mella, who took Brighton to their first FA Cup final last season, is making a success of his coaching job with the Lisbon second division team Belenensen, but is

Melia, spending Christmas at his Hove home, is a superbly fit 45 year old and says: "There's no place like Britain -for football, and my ambition is to get back to a League club."

United had expected to be without their captain, Robson, until at least the New Year but the Old Trafford staff bave been astonished by his recovery from a severely bruised instep. Mick Brown, the assistant manager, was "shocked by the extend of his injury in Monday's Milk Cup defeat. When he took his boot off, his foot seemed to

"It swelled up so much that he could only just get it into a bucket of water. But apart from being a great healer, he plays with injuries that would keep other players out for weeks. I would not rule him out even of the game on Monday." That is against Coventry City, unbeaten in their last eight sames. McQueen, Bailey and Crooks, who has scored four goals in Road, where Liverpool recently suffered their heaviest defeat for six year. Even if United fail there, they should make up ground at home to Notts County and Stoke City.

West Ham United traditionally follow the opposite path to Liverpool. They dropped from fourth to eighth in the second half of last season and, after winning only one of their last six games, are again beginning to show signs of losing their place, currently third. West Ham, at home to Southampton on Monday and away to Luton Town on Tuesday, will be

The first division's marathon without their leading scorer, Swindlehurst, who is suspended after being sent off against Arsenal a formight ago. Pike has also been ordered to rest a troublesome groin strain.

London's challenge may soon be taken over by Queen's Park Rangers and Tottenham Hot-spur. Rangers, £150,000 the richer for selling Roeder to Newcastle United yesterday, will be at full strength for their visit to Leicester and Totenham are now as close to its as they have been since the start of the season. Mabbutt alone is unfit.

They open the Christmas rush against Arsenal at 11 o'clock on Monday morning. Arsenal's line-up will not be unwrapped until shortly before the kick-off and Tottenham's will be refreshingly new. For a start, Ardiles, who came on as a substitute and created a goal with his initial touch at Old Trafford last Friday, will begin his first match since February 5. Perryman moves to right back, Hughton comes in at left back, Archibald returns up front with Brazil and Falco, yet to miss a game so far, is left to sit on the bench. Surprisingly, both of their yong wingers. Dick and Cook, are preferred to Galvin.

Don Howe, whose own position at Highbury may prove to be even more temporary than those on his team sheet, knows that he cannot consider either Talbot or Rix. He may also be forced to omit O'Leary, Sunderland and Robson as well, It is significant that, of that experienced quintet, only Talbot did not contribute to their Milk Cup victory at White Hart Lane six weeks ago.

Brentford, who have brought forward their Boxing Day home game with Wimbledon to Christmas Eve, will have father Cristmas giving away chocolate bars to children before the game, which the before the game, the state of the stat kickoff has been moved from 11.30 to 3.0. The club have clean bill of



such an extent since Alex Miller, the

former Rangers player, became manager that Dundee United, Celtic

and Rangers have all been humbled at Love Street.

Scotland with northern accent

By Hugh Taylor

Jock Stein, Scotland's manager. will be the most observant speciator watching the premier division match between St Mirren and Aberdeen at Love Street today. Since Aberdeen have become the unofficial champions of Europe

after beating Hamburg in the Super Cup final, with flair, dedication and commitment combining to produce an effective and attractive style, e has been an outery from the Scotland team, now plumbing the international depths, to change their pattern and follow the ways of the highly successful Northern club. Whether, of course, the beleagu-

ered Stein will allow himself to be talked into changing Scotland's methods is open to doubt. He seems to remain convinced that the only World stops for Irish

Ireland, Norway, Soviet Union and

Switzerland - has been postponed until January 19 or 20 because a

 Sheffield United supporters can watch the New Year's Eve match against Bolton at Bramail Lane after

against Bollon at Santal Lands and all. A dispute over policing costs – United owe South Yorkshire County Council more than £51.000 – threatened to force the match

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BOXING DAY

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West Ham v Southampton (11.30)

national coach is on holiday.

the crack European teams, with possession football the key. Nevertheless, he will see today that the style of Aberdeen is almost a facsimile of that of the great Celtic team whom Stein himself guided to European Cup glory in 1967, with the accent more on sweeping attack than on the more passive Continen-

firmer favourites than ever to scoop every Scottish honour this season. every Scotlish hanour this season, may at least influence Stern in demanding of his players a more committed attitude even if he still believes the old, bustling, fiery assault evoking memories of clan raids can no longer play a part in winning games at the highest level. Aberdeen will have to be at their

dispute will go to the High Court.

merriest Christmas and happiest New year for some time. Their

chairman. Freddie Jones, has negotiated a deal to sell the

This sole premier division match signals the start of an exciting holiday programme. For instance. Celtic are still hot on the heels of the tal approach.
Victory by Aberdeen, who are

leaders. Aberdeen, are hoping that the roles will be reversed from this stage last year, when they held a three-point advantage over Aber-deen and were six in front of the eventual champions. Dundee United. It is unfair to say that these three

are the only litle contenders this season, although Aberdeen are the in command so Celtic recognize that a win over Dundee two reserve outings, are also way World Cup success can come is best if they are to overcome a St. United at Parkhead on Tueday is expected to return at Highfield by playing in the calm manner of Mirren team who have improved to essential if they are to stay in touch. United at Parkheed on Tueday is

Independiente are champions

Berne (Reuter) - the meeting to behind closed doors since the club strange the 1986 World Cup qualifying stage fixtures for the European zone's group six - comprizing Denmark, Republic of ground will now be policed and the Buenos Aires, (Reuter). - Inde-pendente bent Racing Avellaneda 2-0 to become first division chamume. San Lorenzo finished runnersup after beating Platense 2-0. • Kingstonian, of the Isthmian league, are looking forward to their

Racing were banished to the econd division for the first time in their history yesterday after the local soccer association's disciplinary tribunal confirmed as final results Richmond Road frontage of the ground for development to give a substantial tonic to ailing finances. the scores of two league matches suspended on Sunday because of

Rush job a mistake

Ian Rush hit his 20th goal of the season, against Birmingham City at season, against Birmingham City at Anfield on Thursday night, almost by accident. He scaled Liverpool's 3-0 Milk Cup fourth round replay victory by hitting a 74th minute penalty past Coton.

Sourcess is Liverpool's usual penalty taker, but their manager, Joe Fagan, said afterwards: "Some-body on the night said Rush was on.

body on the pitch said Rush was on a hat-trick, so, having won the penalty when brought down by the "keeper, he was allowed to take it. But it was not his hat-trick – it was only his second goal."

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Rush played a big part in
Liverpool's opening goal, after 39
minutes, when he stroked the pass with a 53rd min header, before he stepped up to take his first spot kick for the champions, Coton the wrong way as he drove the ball home.

On a cold, wet and windy night only 1 i.638 people turned up to see the teams clash for the second time in 48 hours. Following the 1-1 draw at St Andrew's, the replay was virtually all Liverpool, and Fagan summed it up perfectly when he said: "We deserved to win it. Maybe it was not too entertaining in the first half, but in the end the crowd were well entertained." Much of that entertainment was

provided by Coton, who performed heroics to keep the score down. The three goals he conceded meant that Liverpool now face a quarter-final round visit to the second division leaders. Sheffield Wednesday.

South have played three and won south nave played three and won three. Glasgow have wins against Edinburgh and North but were beaten when the Anglo-Scots visited Hughenden.

Busy Bath over-indulge in the festive season

RUGBY UNION

Christmas is a time of overinduigence and some clubs are in danger of sufferng from fixture indigestion. Bath, for instance, may be making too much of a good thing, with games against Pontypool last night, Clifton on Boxing Day, improving Northampton a week today and Cardiff two days later. Heavy fixtures lists have long been an accepted part of life in Wales and the West Country without. It is sometimes said, making unduly heavy demands on leading

players because many clubs operate a squad system.

Players who take part in club training, in regional and national squad sessions, as well as club and representative matches, tell a different story. They would not be there if they did not want to be, but rugby's treadmill does nothing to improve the quality of the product. In that respect the enforced rest taken today by the players of Rosslyn Park and Coventry may be no bad thing, although it is ironic that Park should have spent so much money this season in improving their Roehamption pitch only to have a cancellation imposed

battle with Moseley, who take any committees hold regular the side that beat Bedford last meetings but if the clubs

week down to Ebbw Vale today but will restore Head to their front row on Monday. Ebbw themselves take action the life of the game's administrators would be considerably eased. Vale are without their captain,

Dennehy, the Wales B back row

forward, who is working.

Bridgend, piped earlier in the season by Cardiff by two points, seek revenge at the Brewery Field. In 26 games Bridgend have scored 639 points and two of their younger players, Griffiths in the centre and Hywel Davies, the full back, are knocking on the same_door whiceh their wing. Titley, passed through last month when he was capped by Wales against Romania.

Griffiths played much of his youth rugby with Ring the Cardiff centre capped last season against England but who faces a late fitness test for today's game, Cardiff are without two front row forwards, Phillips, the injured hooker, and Whitefoot, under suspension after being sent off in the Welsh Cup game with Treorchy last Three Treorchy players were

dismissed in the same game and one of them. Chris Jones, a prop, has been banned for five years by his club. This is a by waterlogging.

Coventry can conserve their energies for the Boxing Day

prime example of a club, accepting responsibility for the actions of its players. Disciplin-

In the North great Yorkshire rivals meet at College Grove, where Wakefield play host to Headingley, oth clubs took notable scalps last week, Headingley beating Sale and Wakefield ending the unbeaten run of Orrell. Headingley welcome back for the first time this season Ellison, the Cambridge

University no 8. Another Cambridge player, Smith, the right wing, makes his first appearance for Wasps who take their unbeaten record to Blackheath. Both these clubs have beaten Leicester in the last five weeks but whereas Black-heath fell from grace the week marching on.

Another London derby brings

together Harlequins and Richmond at the Stoop Memorial Ground. Weekes, who came on as a replacement in the win over Bath last Saturday, retains his place for Harlequins who have Borthwick at prop

This game counts for the London merit table; another game of merit takes place at Kingsholm where Gloucester play Plymouth Albion. Victory will ensure that Gloucester play in next season's John Player Cup after failing to qualify for

South on the high road

The Scottlsh district champion-

rugby history, he is opposed by Gordon Hunter, the Selkirk player who hopes to take over from Roy ship reaches its climax today when South meet Glasgow at Hawick in what is in effect the playoff for the Laidlaw in the national side.

There is, too, John Beattle, the Lion's No 8, who is pitted against South's Sean McGaughey, a rising star from Hawick. McGaughey made his mark when South beat Edinburgh at Myreside lat week. He scored two tries in three minutes and he must feature in the Scotland The chances of Glasgow beating the Borderers on their own pitch are shm. Glasgow have won this encounter only twice in 31 years in trial at Murrayfield on the first Saturday in January. McGaughey, born in Hawick of Irish parents, is There is an interesting duel in prospect behind the scrum where Sandy Service, possibly the best uncapped scrum half in Scottish

in his first season in senior rugby.

If Glasgow can subdue McGaughey today, they will achieve their first win in the Borders

Match to aid blind soldier

Newbridge are to play a charity match in aid of a 20-year-old Gwent soldier, Andy Bull, who was blinded by a terrorist bomb in Belfast this

Their press officer, Tony Brown ing, said the club have a link with the Royal Regiment of Wales, having played them during a German tour last May. It is hoped to stage the match in March and the proceeds will go to the Andrew Bull appeal fund. Bull, whose home is at Nantyglo, near Brynmawr. is spending Christmas in the military

Leicester have sold all 16,000 tickets for Wednesday's match against the Berbarians.

Sporting oddities in the passing parade

When chance was the fool's name for fate

To win is human: to foul 6-0, with Lendl doing an things up on a cataclysmic scale is a talent of a higher and rarer hallon. order. For this has been a year athletes and jockeys and helmsmen with

leaden-shod haywire steering, or error piled on sporting error, a year when. as undying glory beckoned, the hapless hordes sat on fate's whoopee cushion, the year of the blunder - like all other

Gordon Smith. Take Brighton, ludicrous underdogs, on the edge of an impossible the FA Cup Final, and the ball comes to Smith, leaving him clear with only the goalkeeper to beat. Destiny in his hands, ball at his feet, and he blew it. It was the goalkeeper, and not the forward, who seized the moment. Brighton lost the replay, in fact they were thumped out of sight, paying the penalty for failing to seize their reconstitutions.

India's win was an incomparable piece of sorcery, an adept siezing of a moment that will never present itself again. This is precisely what Ivan Lendl did not do when he faced Jimmy Connors in the final of the US Open. Lendl, at set-all, has a set point on his own service ... and served a double fault. You really must not show signs of human frailty to a bully like Connors: Connors won 6-3, 6-7.

went back again.

India's cricketers are also in

the process of getting thumped out of sight right now, at the hands of West Indies. But India, of course, seized their moment, and astounded the world, by winning the Prudential World Cup, defeating West Indies in the final at Lord's. It was made possible by the failure of their batsmen, particularly Vivian Richards and Clive Lloyd, whose apparent determination to win the game single-handed against donkey drop bowling saw them hole out, both catches taken by that flashing-eyed desperado, Kapil Dev.



such lesser lights of the game as Micky Kilgalion, who, in the middle of a bout at the Bloomsbury Crest, and being in receipt of a volley of advice and abuse from his manager, Emie Fossey, turned round in midfight to say "Sorry, Ern" before carrying on with the contest.
Then there is the mystery of Dave Stewart in the ABA heavyweight semi-finals. Stewart got changed and walked into the arena, took one look at

it all, and turned round and

Falds: tub of the green

The great golfing foul-up of the year was provided by a spectator, who decided to help Nick Faldo by chucking his ball on to the green at the World Matchplay tournament at Wentworth. A bigger man in golfing, or perhaps in other terms, might have taken the law into his own hands here, but Faldo went along with the rules and the referee and played the ball from where the mystery man had thrown it. He did himself and golf a power of



Conner: That sinking feeling

good by showing no sympathy at all for the victim, his opponent Graham Marsh, who promptly took three putts, two from a distance from which Faldo might, in the circumstances, have given him.

Dennis Conner is responsible for the waterman's foul-up of the year through his feat in the final race of the American Cup, in which he managed to turn a 57-second advantage into a 41second defeat, thereby guaran-teeing himself a place in history.

Steve Overt, the alleged master of tactics, somehow made the most spectacular hash of things in the 1,500 metres final in the world championship boxed in in eighth place at the bell, while for rugby, the year's disaster has been the professional circus that it meant to be starting up in January, but has become a project remarkable for as much hot air as the Montgolfier brothers and as much heart-stopping action as in India v Pakistan Test match.

Being Charlie Nicholas probably counts as one of the year's major disasters: poor old Charlie, transferred from Celtic to Arsenal for £750,000 in an attempt to stop the Arsenal jokes, has instead become one. Still, as Boy George said, lots of people prefer a teddy bear to an Action Man.

Lester Piggott, of all people, perpetrated racing's boob of the year by deciding not to ride All Along in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Piggott's own choice. Awaasif, was nowhere, but All Along, piloted by the seventh choice jockey. Walter Swinburn, won, and went on to raid America, winning the Rothmans International, the Turf Classic and the Washington DC International, and winning a total of \$2.5m. That's fouling it up on a grand scale.

Finally, there can be only one winner, a man who makes so much clear about sport. He is not, in fact a sportsman, but a man who works on the railways. Yes, the ticket collector who threw the West Indian cricketer Colin Croft off a train for being in a whites only compartment has made the ultimate statement on sporting politics on the subject of South Africa, Now another 12 months of glory and disaster await us on the gloriously trivial field of sporting endeavour. I can't wait to enjoy it. And I do hope Charlie manages to score.

Simon Barnes

Fixtures for today and Boxing Day OTHER SPORT

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Liffeld v Larne: Newry v Crusaders (2.15);
Portadown v Distillery (2.15).

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MORTHERS LEAGUE (2.15): Rest divisions Ashington v Blyth Spartans; Crook v Billinghasts; Evenecod v Shildon; Farryhill v Grens; Horden v South Bank; Tow Law v Consett; Whitley v Sparnymoor; Whitley Bay v North Shields. PERMAIN CHALLENGE CUIP First reund: Esta Winning & Durham City.

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South v Ggsgow (at Hawick, 2.0)...

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RUGBY UNION

Shrewsbury v Chelsea ALLIANCE PREMER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Bangor City; Enfield v Sarnet (11.0); Frickley v Boston Urd. (11.30), Ketterng v Wasidstone; Maldstone v Dagenham (11.0); Runcom v Northwich Vic; Tafford Urd. v Nureation; Trowbridge v Batt; Weymouth v Ysovil (11.0); Worceater v Kidderminster (11.0).

BSTHMAN LEAGUE: Premier Division:
BBericay v Harlow (11.0): Blahop's Stortlord v
Historis; Bognor, Regie v Worthing: Bromley v
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Hendon; Stough Tru. v Wycombe Wdrs. First
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v Met Policy; Hertford v Cheltum! (11.0); Lawes
v Leatherhead; Windsor and E v Maldenhead. Second Division: Berton Rivrs v Latchworth (11.0): Dorking v Southalt; Hungerford v Newbury: St Albans v Finchley (11.0): Tring v Hersel H; Uxbridge v Egham; Ware v Epping.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Bideford (2.30); Chicoentam v Massham. (1.0); Candonen v Devize: (11.0); Canvador & Briefel Masor Farm (1.0); Devillan v Libband (2.30); Exmouth v Plymouth (11.0); Frome v Weston-Super-Mere (11.0); Manga-field v Shapon Mailet (11.0); Minchead v Taumon (10.45); Wellington v Saltash (11.0).

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Millwell v Orient (11.30). Plymouth v Exeter. Preston v Port Vale Sheffield U v Rotherham (12.0).

Wigan v Bolton (11-0). Fourth division Aldershot v Reading

Torquay v Swindon

Bristol C v Stockport Bury v Rochdale (3.15). Doncester v Northampton (12-0) -Halifax v York _ Hartlepool v Darlington Peterborough v Colcheste

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Airechurch v Sutton Coldield (11.0), A.P.
Learnington v Corby, Cheltenham v Gloucester
(11.30); Dardon's v Erevesend (1.10); Farenin
To v Gosport, Pisher Art. v Chelmelord (11.0);
Plastings v Folkstone; King's Lynn v Weilen
Utd: Stourbridge v Beckerth (11.0); Witney Tr.
v Dorthetsev. Hiddend Division: Barbury v S
Rusby; Forest Cn v Bridgevater (10.45);
Leloester Did v Shepehed C (11.0); Methyr Tv
Pridnortis; Milton Keyes v Aylesbury (11.0);
Moor Green v Tammont (11.0); Dibary v
Bromsgrove Rvrs (11.0); Weilingborn v
Brushder Willenhalt V Dudley (11.0); Southern
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Division: Poster Chelthern v Thanet (11.0);
Craveley v Ashfort; Dunstable v Hounslow
(11.0); Erith and B v Tonahodge (11.0);
Hälingdon v Addiestone (11.30); Poole v
Andover; Selebury v Cambridge City.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Berrow v Workington: Burton Ab. v Stafford Rangers (11.0): Budon v Matlock: Chorley v Horwick: Gainsborough v Worksop (11.0): Granthem v Goole:Hyde Ust. v Sth. Liverpool;Macclestield v Oswestry; Marine v Rityt. Southport v Morecombe; Wilton Ab. v Mosaley.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Accrington Stan v Leyland Motors: Congleton v Leek; Curzon Ashton v Ashton, Formby v Netherfieldf. Lancaster v Prescot Cables; Radoliffe Boro v Boote; St Hatens v Darwen; Statybridge Celbo v Caernarion; Winstord v NORTHERN LEAGUE: First Division: Ferryhili v Evenwood: Peterfee v Horsen: Sndoon v Brishop Auckland: South Bank v Whitby: Spennymoor v Crook, Tow Lew v Billingham. Scottish premier division Scottish first division

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Scottish second division Cowdenbeath v Stenhousen Dunfermiine v Stirling. East Fife v Queen's Park ... East Stirling v Albion.

RUGBY UNION

Bath v Chitos Bedford v Old Paulines .. Broughton Pk v Sale . Gloucester v Lydney Lianefi v Ldn. Welsh......... Ldn. Irlsh v O Milihilians (2.30)... iley v Coventry... Newport v Stit. Glam. Inst. Northampton v Saracens (3.30) . Nuneaton v Rugby (11.00)..... Otley v Morley Portypool v Cross Keys. Preston Grasshoppers v Fylde (2.38), Swensoa'v Glemorgen Wdrs..... Vale of Lune v Kandal (2.15)... W Hartepool v Hartiepool R (2.15). TRUMAN MERIT TABLE: Old Alleymens v Old Whitpitians. Old Colleians v Old Shootarshil-

RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION: Bradford v Widnes (3.30)
Cathelord v Wakefield T (11.30); Leeds v
Fulham, Dichard v Safford, Wigan v St Helens.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool B v Keighley
(2.30); Brantley v Doncaster (11.00); Devision
V Batley (11.00); Huddentheld v Halfinx (11.00)
Huyton v Barrow (2.30); Swinton v Rochdale H
York v Hunslet (11.30); Workington v Carliele
(2.30). HOCKEY CLUB MATCHES Bromley XI v Bandha: Cheam v President's XI; Horley v Crowborough; Old Edwardians v Old Teuntonians: Old Whitpittens v Old Mid-

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Chashra Lancashire (Bowtlen, 2.15). OTHER SPORT

RUGBY LEAGUE Advantage is with Widnes

By Keith Mackitu The busy Boxing Day programme includes not merely the usua outstanding derby games, but a top of the table encounter. The present leaders. Bradford Northern, enter tain the perennial challengers, Widnes in a game which should give Odsal its biggest crowd of the

Widnes are recovering from their recent crop of injuries and are building up to full strength for the final of the John Player Trophy. Northern, who had to struggle dourly against Fulham, may find a rejuvenated and fit Widnes side a little too much for them.

The chances of Fulham gaining their first away win seem as remote as ever. A couple of months ago they might have taken advantage of Leeds's fall from grace but the Headingley team are unbeaten since the arrival of the new coach, Maurice Bamford, and have reached the final of the John Player Trophy. The other first division games are

appetezing derbies between Castleford and Wakefield Trinity. Oldham
and Salford and the traditional
Boxing Day game between Wigan
and St Helens.
In the second division. Bramley, playing better now, can take a couple of points at home to Dineaster: Barrow, the runaway league leaders, should have no difficulties at Huyton. There are many morning kick-offs and these include the Castleford

offs and these include the Castleford game. and those at Bramley, Dewsbury v Bailey, Huddersfield v Halifax, and York v Hunslet.

Two games are played onn Tuesday: Hull's home fixture against the slowly reviving Featherstone Rovers, their conquerors at Wembley in May, and the derby game between Warrington and Leigh.

FOR THE RECORD

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Ovett: not saved by the bell

Australia almost at

breaking point as

From Ian Brayshaw, Melbourne

from the team for the fourth :Test match against Pakistan, starting here on Boxing Day. ecause of a back injury. He will be replaced in the 12 by John Maguire. of Queensland.

Australia lead 1-0 in the series but their selectors have almost thrown it wide open with their puzzling decisions to overlook the claims of the fast was fit enough to resume after missing the third Test through injury, and to include a couple of relatively unknown spinners, Matthews and Bennett

awkward customer, earned a huge psychological advantage over the Pakistani batsmen in the first two Tests, Having proved his fitness during the week, he looked certain to be recalled to try to regain some of Australia's edge, which appeared to evaporate when the tourists had three centurymakers in their only innings in the third Test, Instead, the selectors called up for the first time bowler, Maguire, a tall. lean, right-arm fast-medium bowler, who has developed into a good into-the-wind performer.

The choice of Matthews, aged 24, a busy, right-arm orthodox spinner and handy late middleorder batsman, is remarkable. His credentials read: I firstclass games, 23 wickets at 34.73 each, career-best performance sufficiently for him to be three for 41; career-best batting counted as a bowler in a fivethree for 41; career-best batting performance 86 in a total of 495

arm orthodox. He has played but failed twice with the bat in only three games this season for total of eight wickets, five of them in the first innings of a like a square peg trying to fit Sheffield Shield game last into a round hole. weekend. In his favour it must be said that he was a regular lation about Pakistani's ability member of the New South to win a test series, invariably it

Rodney Hoge, the Australian Wales side last season, with the

has been completely replaced and 10 inches beneath the new

go into this game with a warm glow of confidence that they can turn the tables and level the series. Their captain, Imran Khan, has been given the all-clear to play, but, strangely, his availability could almost prove an embarrassment when it comes to naming the 11 starters.

Imrans leg injury has cleared up day game, and that is where the complications lie. Logically he Bennett, aged 27, bowls left- could replace, and bat usefully his first appearance last weekend and is looking somewhat



Imran: back again, and looking for victory

centres on the wiles of the spinner. Qadir. However, having seen him fail the test when everything was going his way in Adelaide, one doubts whether he has the ability to provide a match winning performance on Australian wickets.

If Pakistan are to win - and one senses they just might - it will be because they have begun to bat to potential and are at last bowling with a plan and a purpose. And as they prepare for this game they might well cast their minds back to the last

time the two learns met on the Melbourne ground. That was two years ago, when Pakistan batted first, declared at 500 for eight and then bowled Australia out twice to win by an innings and plenty.

AUSTRALIA (from): K J Hughes (captain), K C Wessels, W B Phillipa, A R Border, G S Chappell, G N Yallop, R W Marsh, J Magure, M Bennett, G Matthews, D K Lillee, G F Lawson. Macmews, D.K. Lillee, G.F. Lawson.
PAKISTAN (from): Imran Khan (captain),
Mudasser Nazar, Mohsin Khan, Casim
Omar, Javed Miandad, Zaheer Abbas,
Salim Melik, Rashid Khan, Abdul Cadir,
Wasim Bari, Garfraz Nawez, Azeem

Rain washes out first day of Test

playable condition.
Test matches in Madras have

been hit by rain more often than at any of the regular centres, this being the third instance in the last six

This Test could be Clive Lloyd's

last as West Indies' captain. He

relinquished the leadership after his countrys defeat by India in the Prudential World Cap final at-

to stay on for at least the current

The start of the Sydney to Hobert

race promises to be spectacular with a record 178 yachts lining up for the mass departure from Sydney Harbour. Yachting interest in Australia is high after the America's

Cup; the usual large number of spectators that take to the harbour in all sizes of boats, and crowd every promotory around it, is expected to be doubled this year.

Towering over the rest of the fleet

W Indian innings back on even keel

century by Alvin Kallicharran helped carry the unofficial West on the opening day of their four-day match against a South African XI

Kallicharran and his captain Lawrence Rowe, put on 154 for the fourth wicket in 201 minutes to take slamped to 87 for three. The progressed to 250 for four, when bad light ended play 50 minutes early. Kallicharran finally fell for 103 shortly before the close, but Rowe remained unbeaten on 66.

Three leading stroke-players fell in the opening 20 overs. Bacchus was forced to retire after dislocating a finger when he was struck by a ball from le Roux, After treatment Bacchus said be would but again if

The touring team, who won the toss, were 97 for three at lunch. Trotman thrashed 21 in 27-balls, as the West Indians raced to 34 in six overs, before he played an injudicious back-foot drive and edged le Roux's widish away swinger to second slip.

Bacchus had made 19 when he was forced to leave the field. Kallicharran and Lynch added 42 in even time before Lynch and King fell in the space of an over, Lynch holed out at mid-on against the off spinner. Kourie. and King hooked the accord ball he faced from Rice straight into long leg's hands.
Kallicharran moved to his 50 in 135

minutes, off 86 balls, but was never troubled as he moved to within sight of his first century of the tour. At tea he was 88 not out, with Rowe. who began uncertainly, particularly against the leg spin of Hobson, reaching his 50 just before the break on an easy-paced pitch.

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and S T Clarke to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1—
34, 2—86, 3—87, 4—241. 80WLING: Le Roux 15-3-47-2; Jelfe 51-0; Kourle 24-2-65-1; Rice Hobson 10-1-35-0; Kirsten 1-0-4-0. SOUTH APRICAN M: S. J. Cook, Fotheringhen, P. N. Kirsten, R. G. Pollock, K. S. McEvan, C. E. S. Hice, A. J. Kourle, T. R. V. Jennings, S. T. Jeffries, G. & Tegon, D. Hotses,

Lloyd is now non-committal about his fiture in international cricket. but after scoring two hundreds and two fifties in the current series, he

might be inclined to continue playing, even if he decides to step down from the captaincy.

With the start of the Test likely to be delayed at least until Monday, neither side was inclined to name

their team yesterday. West indies are expected to pick their 11 from the same short list of 12 they announced before the fifth Test.

RACKETS

Spurling's

Miss Coffi's older sister. Now along, with Teresa Catlin, who went out in the last 32 to the

The cup runneth over

Düsseldorf (Reuter) - Six of the world'd top eight players, the strongest field to date, have agreed to take part in the 1984 World Team Cup for record prize-money of \$531,000. The annual contest on the clay courts of the Rochus Club here from May 21 to 27, vies with the Davis Cup as the unofficial world

The organizers said that Ivan Lendi, of Czechoslovakia, John McEnroe and Jimmy Arias, of the United States, Mats Wilander of

Sweden, the spaniard José-Luis Clorc, of Argentina, were in the

Argentina, Australia, Italy, Czechos-lovakia, holders Spain, Sweden, and announced nearer the starting date.

the Swedes relax Davis Cup final between Australia and Sweden only two days away, neither country is certain of which when he missed a return. He hurled his racquet onto the court, smashing

Following the incident fracer sat down with Cash for a quiet, private "talk about things in general."

Hans Olsson are expected to reveal their selections just before the draw at Kooyong on Christmas morning. Fraser admitted after a day-long In contrast to all the uneasiness in the home camp, the Swedes appeared utterly relaxed, although they, 100, are uncertain about their line-up. There is a feeling among the said he would have a deep think before making his decision. His main problem revolves around the Scandanavians despite non-commi-tal comments from Olsson, that Joakim Nystrom may be given the second singles berth instead of Anders Jarry d.

Affors Jarrya.

This follows Nystrom's triumph, not only against Cash in the New South Wales Open semi-final last week, but his victory over the American Mike Bauer in the final. by Fraser to cool his hot-headed attitude during practice sessions. Cash and John Fitzgerald were the victory over France but Fitzgerald, 100. has caused concern since. Earlier in the tournament Baner had chiefly because he has suffered from inconsistent form and tension this defeated Jarryd, who in spite of his excellent past Davis Cup record may only be used in the doubles. He and Hans Simonsson are regarded replaced by the lively Paul McNamee, who partners Mark Edmondson in the doubles. Both as one of the top three combinations

The pressure is obviously going to be on Mats Wilander. Sweden's number one since his remarkable Australian Open victory, He is expected to win both his singles. By playing doubles only in Sydney last week. Wilander appears to have sharpened up his serve-and-volley game which is absolutely essential for grass court tennis. He has also

competition, moved on to New

York to play in the Rolex International tournament at Port

returning to Britain towards the end

An increasing powerful chal-lenge by the Spanish contingent saw three of their squad reach the quarter-final round of the under 18

men's competition. Jose Bardou

beat Richie Reneberg of the United States, 6-2, 6-2. David de Miguel defeated Valerio Bocchitto, of Venezuela, 6-4, 6-0 and after dropping the first set to Joe Bugner,

of the United States, Emilia Sanchez went on to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-0.

Cash: feeling the tension

preference for a singly-handed backhand over his best shot which is hit double-fisted.

As if Fraser did not have enough problems with his players, the weather and the state of the centire court have also concerned him. With no heatwave preflicted the forecast is in favour of the Swedes. who had no complaints after practising on the well-grassed surface. All the players were slipping but it was Fraser, who said he felt the surface was "very greasy and dangerous". The Australian cracks

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Byes for top four in Masters

New York (Renter). Mira Wilander, Ivan Lendi, John McEn-roe and Jimmy Connors, seeded one to four respectively, were given first round byes in yesterday's draw for the \$400,000 Masters tournament. the \$400,000 Masters tournament.

The New York tournament, for the top 12 points winners on the grand prix circuit, opens on January 10 with the sixth-seeded Jimmy Ariss playing his fellow American, Johan Krick, seeded 12, and Jose Higueres (?), of Spain, facing Jose Luis Clerk (9), of Argentine, Yannick Noah (5) of France, Andres Gomez (8) of Eenador, Eliot Teluscher (10), of the United States and Tomas Smid (11) of Czechoslovalcis complete the entry.

Provided there are no surprises,

Provided there are no surprises, the semi-final line-up will be:
Wilsneer v McEnroe and Leadl v
Connors. The winner will receive
\$100,000 and the runner-up
\$60,000. Peter Fleming and John
McEnroe, five times Masters
doubles champions, are again
seeded first, with Anders Jarryd and
Hans Simonsson, of Sweden,
second.

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Washington, Sarah Sullivan Belinda Sprneo, under age group. In spite of his defeat. Sapsford, a marvellously entertaining little player, must have left the court very Suzie Mair, Alison Grant and Jo Louis leave Miami for Boston on December 27 to meet up with the LTAs women's national team manager. Sue Mappin. The five will play in three satellites events before

of January.

Sapsford last to go

By Lewine Mair

Danny Sapsford, the last British gifted Mary Jo Fernandez, who only epresentative in the boys' compelast year won the 12 and unders titions in the Orange Bowl world junior championships in Miami, lost 6-3, 6-3 to Fransico Montana, of

neither country is certain of which players to select. Both Neale Frascr. the Australian captain for the past

13 years, and the Swedish coach

practice session that the position

has never been more open." He

temperamental teenager Pat Cash,

he chief protagonist among the

Australian team. He has been told

cey players in Australia's semi-final

Either one of them could be

players showed sparkling singles form as they practised on the centre

court. McNamee demonstrated that

he deserves serious consideration

for a singles spot while Edmondson, described by Fraser as looking "as strong as a bull." played near periect serve and volley tennis. He must also be in the running for a place in

much happier than Montana's three previous victims, none of whom had contrived to take a game from the second seed.

the second seed.

Sapsford's encouraging performance in reaching the last 16 was matched by Julie Donovan and Anne Sumpkin in, respectively, the 12 and under girls and the 14 and under sections. Miss Donovan, who von the Royal Palm Christmas Classic a few miles down the road the week before, bowed out to Pam Coiffi; Miss Simpkin was beaten by

selection of the main teams -

the United States, who are competing for a first prize of \$200,000 - was based on current individual computer rankings of the Association of Tennis Professionals.
An eighth (wild card) team will be

Life at the top of the slopes is hard for the unsung heroes

Uphill struggle for Britain's World Cup downhill skiers

The downhill skiers of Switzerland and Austria are national heroes but their almost un-known challengers from Britain face an uphill struggle for honours.

While skiing is a way of life for many in the Alps, it is a minority sport for the British and, for those who compete internationally, an expensive and little-recognized passion which calls for extra motivation.

"There's intense competition to get into the Austrain and Swiss teams and their skiers bave outside pressure to succeed," Britian's brightest hope Martin Bell, aged 19, said. "A British skier faces little pressure, so you need extra personal motivation", Bell said.

after finishing fourteenth in a World Cup downhill here, his best result to date.
This resort in German-speak-

ing northern Italy was the scene of Britian's finest skiing hour of recent years when Konrad Bartelski came second in a World Cup downhill two seasons ago. But that unexpected British

achievement was dismissed by many who saw Bartelski's surname and assumed the British-born sportsman was a Pole skiing for Britain. Four months travelling round the mountains of Europe to race in the World Cup is an expensive business for Bell, his brother Graham, aged 17, and Freddie Burton, the most experienced member of the British team. Equipment is no problem as manufacturers either give or loan the dozen skis, various helmets, boots, suits, goggles

THE Ski that looks as if it has stubbed its toes on a French Alp. Short and stubby is the new chic on the slopes this Christmas. This

creation by an Alsatian called André Speckbacher is two feet long and

into a rucksack. For those who are figuring on a short glissade down the white gradients of Chamonix or Méribel this holldry, the name of the ski is Figl.

minibus provides transport. Costs are partly met by grants and other sponsors but, as for many non-professional sports in Britain, all expenses are rarely

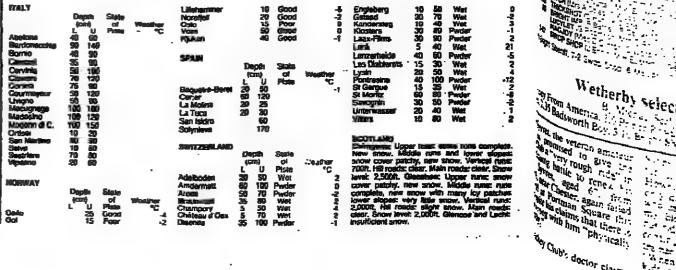
covered. Parents have to dig deep into their pockets to keep their sons as full-time skiers either training or competing abroad for up to eight months of the year.
"It's a double burden for our

might make a little money but in the Cairngorms.

you're among the best." The three skiers have hired

an Austrain coach, Franz Oberleitner, for the World Cup season but have none of the technicians whose preparation of skis is often decisive for other teams. Martin and Graham Bell take turns to wax and hone the edges of their skis.

CONDITIONS AT EUROPEAN SKIING CENTRES



Botham case unresolved

Donald Carr, the secretary of the test and County Cricket Board, will make one lest aftempt today to dissuade Ian Botham from playing football for Scunthorpe United over Carbstona, Carr will ask Botham to the football for Scunding Lark Botham to make the forthcoming England tour to New Zealand, Pakistan and Fiji -

his first priority. Carr said yesterday: I know that Ian has got himself fit and enjoys playing soccer for Scanthorpe but his first priority must be to the tear team. I spoke to the Scanthorpe manager Allan Clarke today and he felt it was up to Ian to decide whether he played football or not.

HOCKEY Cheshire to settle argument

By Sydney Friskin

An argument will be settled in the traditional Boxing Day match between Cheshire and Lancashire at Bowden, (2.15). Lancashire need to win but a draw will be enough to take Cheshire into the preliminary round of the county championship, where they will play Warwickshire at home on January 29.

Bowden is a lucky ground for Cheshire, who won twice there before the event was switched last year to Liverpool Sefton, where Lancashire won 2-0 and went on to take the county title. Lancashire's performances this season have been disappointing but they are hoping to

Taise their game.

The bad news for Cheshire is that Buchan, their outside right, is out of action with a back injury and Robbie Smith, their centre forward, has tendon trouble. He is in the equad but is unlikely to play. In Buchan's absence Grimley, from the England under-21 squad, takes over as right wing and Greene will probably lead the attack which is well equipped on the left with Renchaw and Broadon controlling this flank.

Lancashire have lost Nicolson who has opted out in favour of the indoor game, but with Egerton, Scottish international. Tottey, Jolly Campbell and Hurry all available, their attack doew not lack sharp-

In more relaxed atmosphere down south another traditional match will take place on the same day at Cheam when the President's XI will play the club first XI (11.0). Tony Bennett, the club president, having earlier relied, to his disadvantage, too many players who have seen their best days, has now recruited several players still on the

Today's premier division match in the London League between Teddington and Slough has been postponed.

GYMNASTICS

Putting art at risk

By Peter Aykroyd Gympastics' trend of developing

high-risk moves means that the artistic side of the sport is losing out, Eberhard Gienger, the former West German world horizontal bar champion, said at the national and regional coaches conference at Lilleshall national sports centre this

He contended that, while danger-ous moves were speciacular, in the long run fewer gymnasts would be prepared to tackle them and so the sport's popularity would contract. Artistic expression was the basis of modern gymnastics and it should continue to be a major influence.

Alas Knott, the former England wicketkeeper, has signed a new one-year contract with Kent, Brian Luckhurst, Kent's cricket manager, said yesterday: "We reckon he is still the best wicketkeeper-batsman in the = wid."

Day and Presson 24 hours later. The cricketers leave Britain next Thursday. Curr was unable to contact Botham yesterday.

Knott stays on

Indies have a winning 3-0 lead.

The pitch has been protected by the best covering facilities at any Test venue in India and the ground has a reputation for draining

Elaborate arrangements have also been made to mop up the outfield, but several hours of sunshine will be

has already washed out today's opening day in the sixth and final

Test match between India and West Indies. The ground is waterlogged and further rain is forecast.

The match will not affect the

outcome of the series in which West

Lloyd, who celebrated his thirty-ninth birthday just before setting YACHTING Britons sail in by 13 runs

It was a mixed day of work and relaxation here yesterday for the British team contesting the Southern Cross Cup. Lying second to the New Zealanders, the team yesterday morning to have their yesterday morning to have their bottoms and keels scrubbed before the sun got too hot; salls were taid out to dry in the park next to the marina and checked for possible damage. For some Britons this is their first experience of Christmas in the sunshine, so after work it was relaxation, Australian style. A game of cricket, accompanied by a few Pacific Sundancer, in particular – are fast, British tactics are superior, British won, beating the Australians by 13 runs. 'The home team had

Head start for Australians

Perth (AFP) - The Royal Perth Yacht Club, new holders of the America's Cop, have hunched their campaign to defend the trophy during the 1987 series in the Indian Ocean, off Western Australia.

The Alan Bond conditions have

The Alan Bond syndicate have begun scientific evaluations of the course, between City Beach and Rottnest Island, the state's most have a significant influence on the type of boat to be built.

The syndicate director, Warren

Preliminary racing begins in three years' time, with the first race is

efeace of the Cap on January 31,

Jones, said: "We are determined to have the best assessment of the race environment. We are striving for perfection and we'll do anything we

will be the maxi yachts which have been contesting the South Pacific maxi championships, run concurrently with the Southern Cross Cup. The largest of these are Marvin Green's Nirvana from the United States and Rob Bell's Conder which can which might give as an extra few

"We are monitoring wave beights and patterns and wind strengths now because this is the time of the year when the defence will be held."

States and Bob Bell's Condor, which was registered in Bermuda and built in Peuryn, Cornwall. Both are 81 feet long and will be trying to break the course record, Condor having

set a record for the Fastnet race earlier this year and Nirvana having achieved a similar feat in the ICUTHERON CHOSE CIP. 1, New Zeeland, 38 pts; 2, Britain 280; 3, Hongkong, 258, SOUTH

PACIFIC HAXS CHAMPICOSHIP: 1, Nivem (US): 2. Conder (Bermude); 3, Freight Train (i Australia).

Chinese launch full scale challenge

Team of 200 for the Games

go to catch up in some events, a senior sports official said yesterday. This will be China's first full appearance at the Olympics since the revolution in 1949, the Chinese Olympic Committee spokesman Wu Zhongyuan said at a news conference. "We don't think we will get very good results" he said.

But Wu added that Chinese competitors stood a chance of winning medials in seven or eight exerts including a commercial in the competitors. whining medius in seven or cight events including gymnastics, diving, shooting, women's volleyball, some track and field events, weightlifting and perhaps fencing and archery. "In other events we have a long way

basketball, swimming, judo, wrest-ling, cycling, rowing, canoeing and yachting. Chinese sporting success was set

Chinese athletes had reached international standards in about a third of the 40 sports practised in China. "That's to say we are still pretty poor in two-thirds of the events," be added, listing swimming, some track

He said China would enlist Brazilian coaches to groom their

eventsand football.

football players next year, and Bulgarians have been helping with rhythmicgymnastics. Whether China enters further events in Los Angeles such as men's

volleyball and water polo, will depend on performances in qualification tournaments early next year, Wusaid. According to Wu. China's first Olympic entry was a one-man squad and his coach at the 10th Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1932. The athlete, a sprinter, came nowhere. After the 1949 revolution China sent some competitors to the 1952 Helsinki Games but they were late and took part only in the swimming.

China then left the International Olympic Committee because the IOC recognized Taiwan. They rejoined in 1979 – just in time to boycott the 1980 Moscow Games because of the Soviet invasion of Allianustan.

Afglianistan.
The Chinese attended the Winter
Olympics in Lake Placid in 1979.

International swimming meeting in Strasbourg from January 20 to 22. The party of 10, including six swimmers, will remain in France for the Boulogne-Billancourt short-course meeting, which a Chinese mean last attended in 1982. The Strasbourg gala, established only last year, has attracted entries

Next Februay at Sarajevo, a squad of 40 Chinese will eater speed and figure skating, alpine and Nordic skiing, and the biathloo. For the 1984 Olympics, the

Chinese government is investing three million yean (\$1.5m) for training, housing, transport and extra food to supplement the usually austere Chinese diet, about 100 coaches, doctors and officials will accompany the counterfloors. accompany the competitors.

In Los Angeles, the organizers said that like any good business, the corporate-sponsored 1984 summer Olympic Games should make a

Under a formula negotiated when Los Angeles agreed to host the games, 40 per cent of the surplus will go to the United States Olympic Committee, 40 per cent to the amateur sports facilities in southern California, and 20 per cent to the governing bodies of US sports organizations.

Big entry for Strasbourg gala

1,500 metre records, will be the bis The United States will not be competing in Strasbourg, but England and West Germany will be

service is decisive

By William Stephens Adrian Spurling, of Tonbridge, yesterday joined the roll of public schools rackets singles champions on the H.K. Foster Cup which include William Surtees and Howard Angus, former world champions, and the prime minis-ter's son Mark Thatcher. Spurling defeated Alan Giddins, the Etonian second seed, 15-1, 15-4, 15-6 in the

inal at Queen's Club. Following the extraordinary success of the Tonbridge second pair of older brother Jonathan Spurling and Graham Cowdrey in reaching the final of the Noel Bruce

reaching the final of the Noel Bruce Cup last month, the achool's supporters witnessed at yesterday's final an exhibition of total dominance from probably the best player they have produced since J.R. Thompson.

Having been severely tested in the previous day's semi-final by Rupert Owen-Browne, aged 16, his former partner in the schools doubles championship winning pair. Spurling yesterday seized the initiative through service. His sharply-cut service from the left box and a particularly effective backand a particularly effective back-hand service from the right hand service from the right bemused his opponent. Giddins nervously lunged forward taking several faults volley off the side wall and his down, and when he took the bull from round the walls the limitations of his double-handed backhand stroke were exposed, his swing being constricted by cramped forwart.

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Sporting has assessed the consisent accuracy of Giddin's service so when his opponent was in hand, the Toobridgean attacked by volleying. In the rallies Spuring's correct single-handed technique, balance and footwork were superior and he ruthlessly outpaced and outman-ocuvred Giddins who hit the ball 100 high off the wall from where Spuring drove the ball to a length out of his reach.

Despite Giddine's gritty resistance in the third game, when Spuring made his mistales, the Toubridgean outclassed his opponent by keeping the pressure tight and never letting him gain control. This talented all-round games player goes up to Trinity Hall, at accuracy of Giddin's service so

player goes up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, next year. Cambridge, next year.

Radley produced both finalists for the Remy Cup. Conolly Morris-Adams beat James Hunter 15-9, 15-2, 15-12 by placing the ball with studied care, yet he was confident enough to kill the ball inches above the board from the back of the court.

OYesterday's picture from the above competition was of Rupert Owea-Browne, and not as stated.

BOXING

Sugar Ray Leonard will be introduced by the World Boxing Council as the No.1 contender for

eight inches wide and fits snaply

and gloves needed; a sponsor's you won't cover your costs until

The Bells, like other British skiers, found their way into the parents, who aren't particularly skiers, found their way into the well off," Martin Bell said "If team after they were singled out you get into the top 100, you in national junior competitions

fast bowler, has withdrawn good return of 36 wickets. performance which won him a tour to Zimbabwe with the Australian youth team. So the Australian attack, which looked so formidable in the first two Tests, then showed signs of vulnerability in the third, now begins to look paperthin. The pace bowlers are Lawson (with 11 wickets from the three Tests). Lillee (seven) bowler, Rackemann, that he and Maguire, and they have a huge contract to try to wrest the initiative away from the Pakis-The turf which has provided wickets at the Melbourne Rackemann, a tali and ground for decade after decade

surface is an electric blanket which has stimulated excellent early-season growth. So, for once, the forecast is for a good cricket wicket. The Pakistanis, no doubt bolstered by their good per-formance in Adelaide, when Australia had to scramble on the last day to avoid defeat, will

There is some doubt that

Whenever there is specu-

were leaving no stone unturned in their preparations for the final event. The Sydney to Hobart race.
This blue water classic, which starts on Boxing Day, counts for triple points and the British are

hoping for a continuation of the variable conditions that have characterized the series so far. Although the New Zenland yachts -

Peking. (Reuter) - China will send 200 competitors to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles

to catch up," he said.

China will also take part in men's

back by the lack of international competition and by the late Chairman Mao Tietung's radical political campaigns culminating in the cultural revolution from 1966-76. It is only now catching up. Wussid the

Paris (AFP) - A Chinese team will compete for the first time in a French 50 metre pool at an

holder of the world 400 metre and

there. The Strasbourg meeting will include diving water polo and a demonstration of synchronized

RACING: BREGAWN WAITS ON THE GOING IN CLASSIC ENCOUNTER AT KEMPTON PARK

Kempton Park

GOING good. Tote: double 1.40, 2.45. Treble: 1.10, 2.15, 3.15 [Television (ITV) 1.10, 1.40 and 2.15 races] 12.40 PORT WINE CHASE (Novices: £2.434: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 1-Titled CAPTAIN DYNAMO (D) IN Piotnes D Nichelson 7-11-6 ... P Scudamo 68030-0 REE STING RAYS P Horns | P W Horns 7-11-0 ... P Scudamo 09010-2 ... CARVED GPAL (Mrs G Abecassa:) F Vinter 5-11-0 ... J Francon 04014-2 ... LAW AR AGNAIDM (Mrs W Tulloch) 5 Mellor 6-11-0 ... J Francon 0204-4 S LESSIMORE (N Brown) J Envirol 5-11-0 ... W Wentergraph 1244-0 SORBELLER (N Brown) J Envirol 5-11-0 ... W Wentergraph 1244-0 SORBELLER (N Woos) R Gow 5-11-0 ... R Row Evens Captain Dynamo, 11-4 Corved Opal 11-2 Lean Ar Aghaidh, 10 Bee Song, 13 1.10 FOOD BROKERS-ARMOUR HURDLE (novices: £3,548: 2m) (10)

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080-112 DESERT ORCHID (D) (R Burridge) D Elsworth 4-11-10 ... R Leiley

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30 GOLD EPEE (Stungo) D Mchocker 5-11-0 ... W Smoth

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6-3 COASTAL RUN (Mrs A Chapman) P Machel 4-10-10 ... R G Hughes

6-4 DERBY DILLY (L-CG) U Corbetty K Bulley 4-10-10 ... J O Nedl

1 HAVENTALIGHT (B Brazier) F Winser 4-10-10 ... J O Nedl

6-4 DEEP IN DEET (Mrs P, Lubert) P Haynes 4-10-5 ... J Lovejoy

2 Desert Orchid, 3 Sunyone, 4 Kalamons, 11-2 I Haventaleght, 7-2 Coastal Sun, 10 Derby

1.40 LADBROKE CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Grade I: £15,776; 2m) (10) J. LADONOAC CHRIST IMAS HUHDLE (Grade I. £15,776; 2m) (10)

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2.15 KING GEORGE VI CHASE (Grade I: £21.768: 3m) (6) 6 8-11111 THE MIGHTY MAC (D) (Mrs.J.Lene) M.W.Dickinson 8-11-10 ... Mr.D.Browne 6 43/09-0 TWO SWALLOWS (CD) (IS Significantly R.Amndage 10-10-10 ... P. Soudemore 7 3213-11 WAYWARD LAD (CD) (Airs S.Tricevis) M.W. Dickinson 8-11-10 ... R.Earnshaw 15-8 Wayward Lad. 3 Bregawn, 7-2 The Major Mac. 4 Pitty Dollers More, 8 Brown umberlin, 150 Two Swellows.

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2.45 BOXING DAY HURDLE (handleap: £2.880: 2m) (14) 3.15 FALKLANDS CHASE (handicap: £2,590: 3m) (11)

Kempton selections

By Michael Phillips 12:40 Captain Dynamo, 1.10 Desert Orchid, 1.40 Gaye Brief, 2.15 Wayward Lad, 2.45 Harescough, 3.15 Tracy's Special.

Wetherby

Going Soft. 12.37 CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £690: 2m) (18 runners) 7 ... BROTHER GEOFFREY (3 Shierton) H Warton 11-0
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16 '-- SO LORDOT THE HELLS (8) (AFS E Dixon) D Lise 11-0
15 MIONEY FROM AMERICA (AIRS J Doneby) M W Dickinson 11-0 BONEY FROM AMERICA (Mrs. J. Donesty) M. W. Dickinso

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PROK PATH (Mrs. G. Wood) J. Fizz Gersald 11-0

ROCKCLIFFE (M. Dale) M. Avison 11-0

SECRET PURSUIT (D. Brotherson) M. H. Easterby 11-0

SECRET PURSUIT (D. Brotherson) J. Townson 11-0

SON THE RIDINGS (H. Witson) R. Tate 11-0

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2-03-00 WHATS WHAT (Mrs. D. Bousfield) B. Bousfield 11-0

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B. CLILT PEGENE (C. Nabors) R. Woodhouse 10-9

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1.0 ROWLAND MEYRICK CHASE (handicap: £7,266; 3m 100yd) (8) 4-7 Prince Bowtin, 7-2 Lose Out, & Carny Danny, 10 Sparke's Choice, 12 See Captain, 14 thus Express, 20 others. Potitisk Prignas Rodens (14-12) wom 51 from Little Ovel (gave 4lb) 7 ran. Heydock 3m chase good to agt Deg78. Size Captain (11-0) 4th benten 151 to Lucky Varie (no. 7lb) 7 ran. Werwick 3m 41 hicep chase good Nov 49. Canny Denny (10-4) 5th beaten 431 to The Mighty mac (gave 20 lb) 7 ran. Azot 5th-ficep chase good to firm Doc 17. Sparkles Choice (11-7) 4th beaten 131 to Min Alve (no. 21 lb) 8 ran. Cartisle 3m hiceo chase good to firm Nov 14. Plat The Fluster (10-0) 2nd beated "4. Tao Good Crack red 4lb) with Sparkles Choice (gave 1b) 4th beaten 15½ 17 ran. Wethertry 3m "4. Tao Good Crack red 4lb) with Sparkles Choice (gave 1b) 4th beaten 15½ 17 ran. Wethertry 3m (10) fit from chase good to Apr 4. Postder's Express (11-2) 8th beaten over 281 to Bush Guide (no. 286) 13 ran. Haydock 3m 4th cap chase good to soft Dac 15. SELECTION: Prince Rowen.

1.35 BICKERTON HURDLE (Handicap: £2,329: 2m 4f) (12) 25(p-2 NO BOMBS (CD) (Nailwell Stud) M H Easterby 8-12-7 Mr T Thomson 1999/27 CDOL DECISION (CD) (C Platis) Miss S Hall 6-11-13 Mr C 172-04 GRINDERS (D) (Needlewins Butchers) E Care 5-11-77 est) 172-04 GRINDERS (D) (Needlewins Butchers) E Care 5-11-47 est) Mr A Hollinsh Hollingh Mr A Hollingh Mr S Leanb ...G Brackey 2.5 JOHN HAGGAS CHASE (Novices: £4,194: 3m 100yd) (12) TGD

JOHN HAGGAS CHASE (NOVICES: 24, 184: 3ff 100y0) (14, 18-2) 19-21921 FOX-U-FOX (Mrs M Nisber) K Oliver 6-11-8 (190-12) 1909-121 RED MILLS (M Helbys) M W Dickinson 10-11-6 (1909-12) 1909-121 190 11-10 Forgive N'Forget, 2 Brunton Park, 4 Red Mills, 10 Fox-U-More, 14 others

2.35 CASTLEFORD CHASE (Handicap: 23,616: 2m 50yd) (6) 11/114/
12-13 BADSWORTH BOY (CD) (BF) (D Armtage) M W Dickinson 8-12-0 _G Bradley
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11-13 BEANEWARTH BOY (CD) (BF) (D Armtage) M W Dickinson 8-11-3 [5 ax]
11-14 BTALE BOY (CD) (BF) (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 8-12-2 _C Hewitans
11/13 BEANEWARTH (CD) (Mrs D Grang) M H Easterby 9-10-7 (is ex) _____ A Brown
11/112 BEANEWARTH (BF) (I Clements) C S Bell 5-10-7 _____ N United
1-8 Bedaworth Boy, 5-2 Fearless Imp. 3 Liste Bay, 7-2 Clayside, 8 See Merchant, 16
18 Marchant, 18
19 Marchant (BF) (Common Common Co

3.10 CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £690: 2m) (16) CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £690: 2rm) (16)

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BRIGHT SHERRIFF (BF) (T Winterfort) M W Dickinson 11-0

COMPACTOR (A Hudson) A Watson 11-0

COURT WINESON 11-0

LIVERPOOL RAMBE ER (T Summerfield) K Offwer 11-0

MALADHI (Mrs A RObsom) J FitzGerald 11-0

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STEARSHOT (Mrs A Coles) R Woodhouse 11-0

BRICKT MP (R Behels) P Celver 10-9

LIKCYLET (G Robinson) Mrs G Revoley 10-9

MAGACKY (Miss D Claron) C Wardman 10-9

Evens Bright Sherfft, 7-2 Swop Shop, 8 Maladhu, 7 Trickshot, 10 Compacks R Lamb A Stringer G W Gray

Wetherby selections

By Michael Seely
12.30 Money From America. 1.0 Prince Rowan, 1.35 Mas Park. 2.5 Forgive
N Forger. 2.35 Badsworth Boy. 3.10 Bright Sherif.

George Syvret, the veteran amateur rider, has promised to give the Jockey Club a "very rough ride" in his continuing harde to renew his only doctor out of many I've seen with the second state of the second nothing wrong with him "physically or mentally."

nowever. Syvret said: "He's the only doctor out of many I've seen who can find anything wrong with my blood pressure." Syvret, who has ridden in more than 100 races. continues to ride work for his trainer. When we ride out it's always the kids who are blowing, not me," The Jockey Club's doctor claims · Syret said.

Wayward Lad's waiting game to pay off again

Day feature at Kempton Park is certainly living up to its high tradition. Those five are the winners of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the Hennessy Cog-nac Gold Cup, the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup; the SGB Steeplechase and of course

than that. However, Michael Dickinson said yesterday that Bregawn would only run if the going was good to soft. Bregawn will travel to Kempton and Dickinson will make a decision after walking the course.

The extraordinary aspect is that the "big five" are trained by just two men - Michael Dickinson and Fred Winter. Winter's own link with the race now goes back more than 30 years to 1952 when he rode Halloween to victory. In the meantime, more winning rides on Halloween again and Saffron Tartan and training successes with Pendil in successive seasons has ensured that his name will be revered for ever in Kempton's own hall of fame.

Recent years have seen another name dominate the history of the race - that of Dickinson in one guise of another: first Tony and thenhis son, Michael, thanks to the achievements of Gay Spartan. Silver Buck (twice) and Wayward Lad.

Now, with all respect to Roddy Armytage and Two Swallows - the only other runner declared for Monday's epic - only Winter stands in the way of the Dickinson family retaining their vice-like grip. With The Mighty Mac and Brown Chamberlin blazing the trail, it should be a marvellous should not be much between that emphatic victory over spectacle. At the end of it all I Brown Chamberlin and The Plundering at Lingfield Park.

With Bregawn, Brown Chamberlin, Fifty Dollars Morp. The Mighty Mac and Wayward Lad all standing their ground for Monday's King George VI ground by becoming the first Monday's Boxing Tourist He winner of the Day feature at Kempton Park is race three times in a row.

Gold Cup result - he was beaten six and a half lengths by his stable companion, Bregawn - not to mention The Mighty Mac's amazing surge to the top this autumn, I still think that the King George itself and you do not often get a better cocktail Wayward Lad is Dickinson's natural first string for this race and the horse most likely to win it. He was at his peak when he beat Fifty Dollars More and Silver Buck 12 months ago and there is every reason to believe that he will outstay Fifty Dollars More once again,

> However, he was nowhere near his peak when he was beaten by Bregawn at Chelten-ham. It is common knowledge that he met with a setback in training which prevented him from running between Boxing Day and mid-March. However, Wayward Lad's preparation for Monday's race has gone without hitch, whereas Bregawn's reappearance was halted time and time again because of the ground this autumn and when he did finally reappear at Haydock 10 days ago he fell. albeit when holding a winning

chance. The Mighty Mac's victory at Ascot a week ago was impressive, but when analyzed it may not have been quite all that it was cracked up to be. Take a line through Approaching for instance. At Ascot The Mighty Mac gave that old war horse 22lb and a 26-length beating. At Newbury, the month before, Brown Chamberlin gave Approaching 17lb and a 35-

length beating.
This suggests that there



Wayward Lad shows the sort of spring-heeled jumping that has taken him to favouritism for the King George Chase

Mighty Mac at the end of the ding-dong struggle over three miles and that they could both be vulnerable when Robert Earnshaw decides that the moment is ripe to press the button on Wayward Lad.

Earlier in the afternoon the Ladbrokes Christmas Hurdle looks like being the perfect foil for the big steeplechase with the champion hurdler, Gaye Brief, and Dawn Run taking one another on again. At Liverpool last April there was only a length between the two at the end of the Templegate Hurdle. Now, on a pound better terms. Gaye Brief should confirm his

superiority. Earlier in the day, Desert Orchid is my idea of a banker bet to win the Foodbrokers Armour Novices Hurdle now that he is reverting to two miles after failing to stay further

Tracy's Special should be equally hard to beat in the Falklands Steeplechase after

Remember Forgive N' Forget

Forgive N' Forget can take his first step along the road towards chaxing fame by winning the John Haggas Memorial Novices' Chase Haggas Memorial Novices' Chase at Wetherby on Monday. Brunton Park is Michael Dickinson's chosen representatives as the champion trainer attempts to capture all six races on his local track, but on their form together over hurdles Forgive N' Forget should prevail.

At Chelicaham last March, Jimmy Fitzgerald's six-year-old landed the gamble of the meeting when beating Brunton Park in the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle final. Not only did the favourite win by three lengths, he was also conceding 12lb to his victim. On Monday they meet at level weights.

On his first appearance over

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On his first appearance over fences at Stratford in November, Forgive N' Forget failed only by a neck to beat Lettoch, More recently he was an expensive failure when falling at the eighth fence in the race won by Knock Hill at Doncaster. However, Fitzgerald excuses that lapse. "It wasn't his fault, he slipped

However Brunton Park fares, Dickinson should win the Rowland Meyrick Chase with Prince Rowan. After winning four novice chases in succession for the stable last season. succession for the stable last season. Prince Rowan created a major surprise in the Tommy Whittle Clause at Haydock. Despite looking backwards in the paddock, he jumped like a buck before beating Little Owl by five lengths, although he would probably only have finished second if Bregawn had not fallen at the third from home. Prince Rowan recorded a fast time and as he meets Little Owl on 15lb better terms, he is sure to start a shortterms, he is sure to start a shortpriced favourite.

Dickinson also has an outstanding chance of winning the remaining Johnson races, it is difficult to oppose Badsworth Boy in the Castleford Handicap Chase. Last season this versaille horse was one of the easiest winners ever seen at the National Hunt Festival when beating Artifice by a distance in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. On his reappearance at Haydock, Badsworth Boy fell at the first fence in the race won

by Clayside. Peter Easterby's nine-year-old has obviously recaptured much of the ability which saw him win the Arkle Challenge Tropby at Cheltenham two seasons ago, but it is hard to see him beating
Badsworth Boy with a 5th penalty.

Macs Park faces a more difficult
task in the Bickerton Handicap Hurdle. The winner of two races of this type in Ireland a couple of seasons ago when trained by Jim Bolger, the six-year-old appears to be reasonably treated with 10st 6lb.

Lawnswood Miss is at the peak of her form at present. Before her

her form at present, Before her recent Doncaster victory Reg Hollinshead's mare would have won more decisively at Cheltenham if John O'Neill had not dropped his hands close home. FitzGerald also thinks that Prelko has recaptured the form that saw him win three handiceps last season. However, Macs Park still gets the vote.

Dickinson can also land a double at Market Rasen with Red Mills at Market Rasen with Red Mills (2.15) and Londologi (3.15).

More racing, page 34;

Huntingdon

12.30 ST IVO HURDLE (Div I: novices: £834: 2m 4f)

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15 0-040	MANNA BRIDGE D Gardollo 5-11-0
16 03-4	MIGHTY GENERAL J Giftord 5-11-0 P Double QUALIFICATION (2) P Burgoyns 8-11-0 SHACKLETONS FLIER R Shaw 9-11-0 B Holohan 4
19 00-fpf	QUALIFICATION (2) P Burgovia 8-11-0
21 00-04	SHACKLETONS FLIER R Shew 9-17-0 B Holohan 4
23	TAR KNECHT R Center 6-11-0 Mr R Durwoody 7
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27 0-044	STAGGERERS LADY W Wharton 5-10-9
28 0-000	TIC-ON-ROSE Mrs & Waring 6-10-9S Keightley
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1.0 PEPYS CHASE (handicap: novices: £1,558: 2m 40 (11)

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22-3 FLYING JACKDAW H O'Nott 7-11-7

1212 MASTER TERCEL (D) J Spearing 7-11-6

3-11 ROYAL TO DO T Forester 7-11-2

3-12 PREMIER CHARLEE (D) P W Harris 5-11-1

302-3 SANDREK Miss F Gaddes 10-11-6

302-4 TAKEAFENCE M Herrityses 5-10-7

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37 BAR TOAGH GIBT CHERT IS WESTER STOR 3-10-0
36 8211 TOO FAMILIAR (CD) G Gaines 3-10-0
39 p-40s FRENCH HOBBY Y Rollinson 7-10-0
40 60044 BATON MATCH M Chapman 3-10-0
4 Show Business, 9-2 Ash King, 11-2 Sketsboard, 7 Alie Dickins, 8 Silent Echo, 12 The Diplomet, 14 others.
2.0 PORT HOLME CHASE (handicap: £1,282: 3m
100yd) (11)
6 p40-p MASTER MELCOY W Hackett 12-11-7M Bastard
7 834/9 MORE PLEASURE J Webber 9-11-1G McCourt
9 23-35 TARZAN J Gittord 8-10-13 P Double
10 w(22 NETHERBRIDGE D Gaudolfo 5-10-11
11 0100 FAVOURITE FELLA A Chemberlain 11-10-11
A Chamberlain 4
12 (EAn SIREMAN Gearing 6-10-10Miles S Lawrence 7
13 LODZ- BLACK MAGIC T Forster 7-10-8
14 p-000 - ATLANTIC BRIDGE (B) B Oughton 9-10-7 R Kington
16 8-432 BEN SPARTAN N Handerson 10-10-4 S Smith Eccles
17 pa-pp CLIVER HARDY Mrs B Waring 8-10-2
17 ps-pp CLIVER HARDY Mrs B Waring 8-10-2
15-8 Natherbridge, 11-4 Sen Sperten, 4 Terzen, 6 Block Magic, 12
Forteray, 16 others.

2.30 SOXING DAY CHASE (handicap: £1,238: 2m 100yd) (5) 100y01(5) 3 1341 RESTLESS SHOT (CD) J Webber 5-11-12 (Sec) 0 McCou 5 122p ABERRANG D Todd 8-11-4
6 05p-2 JUBBLEE MEDAL N Herderson 6-10-11 S Smith Eccles
6 05-06 CYSTER PORD M McCourt 6-10-5
9 . 3111 FALKLAND PALACE (CD) D Gandolio 6-10-4 (S tod)
P Barton

11-8 Palkimsi Palace, 9-4 Jublice Medal, 3 Res erang, 20 Oyster Pand. 3.0 ST IVO HURDLE (Div II: novices: £780: 2m 4f) (14) 3.0 ST IVO HURDLE (Div It: novices: £780
4 0-ubt 3HOW HOUSE; [Gitterd 5-11-7.
5 00-90 CHALK PT N Henderson 5-11-0.
9 09-90 CHALK PT N Henderson 5-11-0.
10 9000 DUPTICA 8 Beckmony 6-11-0.
11 9-0 FAMELY VENTURE 6 Graham 6-11-0.
12 pp. HAPPY HERO C Lee 5-11-0.
13 000/ INTAKE 6 (Indisplay 8-11-0.
14 0000 BEARUBERN T Rollegson 6-11-0.
15 000/ MUSSEL BED G Thomas 8-11-0.
17 00-9p. MUSSEL BED G Thomas 8-11-0.
20 pp-02 MALENS ART Not 8 Waring 6-11-0.
21 1/p MEW PLANET F Subyramd 8-11-0.
21 1/p MEW PLANET F Subyramd 8-11-0. 11-10 Show House, 5-2 Rajens Air, 5 Hobin Philip, 10 Mister Bee, 1

Huntingdon selections

By Michael Scely 12.30 Mighty General. 1.0 Takenfence. 1.30 Ash King 2.0 Netherbridge. 2.30 Jubilee Medal. 3.0 Show House.

Trainers' preferences

The following is a flat of professores for those horses declared at term of the control of the c

Wolverhampton

GOING: chase, good to firm; hurdles, good. 12.45 NETHERTON HURDLE (4-y-o handicap: £1,203: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

\$1,203: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1413 ARISTO TREAT M Lembert 11-7 PA Charless

1419 ARISTO TREAT M Lembert 11-7 PA Charless

15 1420 CIMBERT O MICHORON 11-4 NIMEDIAN

16 119-0 AMERICAN GRIE, In O'Nell 11-2 NIMEDIAN

17 0002 RAISE THE OFFER (8) (8P) PM Taylor 11-0 A Carroll

19 0-32b BARZIN C Williams 10-12 A Webber

11 4001 CROWECOPPER (0) S Presco 10-11 (7 m) Mesters

12 312-0 PEARLY STEPS (8) Mrs J Pliman 10-0 Mesters

13 1-343 BROBURY D Hayden Jones 10-5 Sement

15 1000 CANTABLE (C) Lady S Brooke 10-5 A Webber

16 1003 DUSTY FARLOW (D) R Morris 10-5 A Webber

18 1003 DUSTY FARLOW (D) R Morris 10-5 A Webber

19 0330 AUTURN GIFT (C) W Jenis 10-2

20 0-300 NAJANI J Clochenousid 10-0

21 (2-20 COMRA J Webb 10-0

22 2202 SANDWALKER Mrs M Firms 10-0 S Moreologed

23 0-000 SONADA R Heripp 10-0

24 0-000 LANCE OF ST GEORGE J Townson 10-0 Jims S Janne 7

26 D0-40 RIJEFUL LADY Mrs D Onions 10-0 Jims S Janne 7

26 D0-40 RIJEFUL LADY Mrs D Onions 10-0 A Seconduction 10-0

9-2 Raise The Offer, 5 Aristo Treat, 7 Pearly Sieps, 8 Sandwalker, 18 owecropper, 12 Brobury, 14 others.

1.15 OLDBURY CHASE (handicap: £1,312 3m 2f) | 14-9 | CALLEON BEACH | CO) | Edwards 7-11-7 |
1-90	SPACED OUT	D)	T Balley 9-11-6	E Brooks 4
1-90	SPACED OUT	D)	T Balley 9-11-6	E Brooks 4
1-91	SPACED OUT	D)	T Balley 9-11-6	E Brooks 4
1-91	SPACED OUT	D)	T Balley 9-11-6	A Webber 7
1-92	SPACED OUT	SPACED OUT	A Webber 7	
1-940	PERSONALITY PLIS	CE)	W Francis 7-10-6	R Crank 3
1-940	SPARTAN TAM M Castad 8-10-6	SPARTAN TAM MC CASTAD 8-10-6	S Morning 15	
1-940	STORMY SPRING	B) D Nicholson 8-10-5	M Madden 15	
1-940	STORMY SPRING	B) D Nicholson 8-10-5	M Madden 15	
1-940	PEARLYNING W Janks 7-10-6	S Morning 16		
1-940	PEARLYNING W Janks 7-10-6	G Jones 10-6	G Jones 10-6	

13-8 Kars, 3 Kright Ot Love, 7-2 Stormy Spring, 7 Tens Or Bellet, 19 eachard: Park, 16 others.

1,45 HARRY BROWN CHASE (handicap: £3,501: 2m 48) (11)

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2 1131 W SEXTIMES (D) M Dictiment 5-11-12 (6 an) ... C Bull 7
6 0412 MULLACURRY (D) (8F) J Fiz-Gerard 11-11-4 ... 7
7 0-300 JO COLOMBO (CD) W Jerks 5-10-11 7
10 02-04 CARDDAL'S OUTBURST J Edwards 8-10-6 ... P Warmer 17 ppl-09 AUKLAND JACK R Armytage 9-10-7 ... A Webbur 12 1-022 BALLYMM AN (D) F Shanden 9-10-7 ... A Webbur 13 1212 LODGE'S FORTURE (D) Mrs S Davemport 8-10-4 ... 5 and 5 and 1 Mindden 19 32/23 KNRDLED SPRIT W Mann 8-10-6 S J O'Mag 24 1034 ANOANTED P Boven 7-10-0 ... T Well 27 3230 WHISTLE FOR JACK (B) R Jeckes 8-10-0 WF G Williams 7

g-11 W Sk: Times, 9-2 Mailscutry, 7 Ballymillen, 16 Lodges Fortune, 12 Pary Boy, 16 Cardina's Outburst, 25 others.

2.15 DEEPFIELDS CHASE (6-y-o: novices: £1,010: 90-1 ARDENT SPY R Armytage 11-5 ... A Webber 9-311 GRAND HARMONY CC New M Rimell 11-5 Mornheed 908- DENNES ARBURN W Friends 10-12 ... R Crank 909-0 DERWENT KING Mrs J Croft 10-12 ... R Dickin UMU. BACE CADET R Durn 10-12 ... Mr N Durn 7 4900 SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 ... Mr N Durn 7 4900 SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 ... Mr Macking 10-00 RDYALDYNE W Mann 10-7 ... Mr Macking 10-90 RDYALDYNE W Mann 10-7 5-4 Ardent Spy, 3 Grand Harmony, 5 Stowell Grove, 8 Derwent King. Space Cadet, 12 Spanish Street, 14 others. 2.45 WALSALL HURDLE (handicap: £1,318: 2m) (20) 45 WALSALL HURDLE (handlosp: £1,318: 2m) (20) 3 135-0 JOHAGUVILLE (DD) Mrs J Phana 5-11-12 JM Bastard 6 2-400 MOSBAT (D) B Phaling 5-11-7 JM Bastard 8 2-400 SRTTTUS (D) W Cay 5-11-5 JM Bastard 9 1-900 SRTTTUS (D) W Cay 5-11-5 JM Bastard 9 1-900 SRTTTUS (D) W Cay 5-11-5 JM Bastard 1 8000 BROCK MIL (CD) M Batley 8-11-2 JM M M Low 4 1 8000 BROCK MIL (CD) M Batley 8-11-2 JM M M Low 4 2 1000 BROCK MIL (CD) M Batley 8-11-2 JM M M Low 4 2 1000 BROCK MIL (CD) JM Batley 8-10-7 JM Batlebourne 1 8000 BROCK MIL (CD) JM Batlebourne 8-10-7 JM Batlebourne 1 80-212 THE DPLOMATS (CD) D Finger 5-10-8 JM McMart 1 80-4 MOUHANNED (D) J Cld 5-10-3 JM Mornhead 1 80-4 MOUHANNED (D) J Cld 5-10-3 JM Mornhead 2 1000 MOLLINGTON (D) J Webber 4-10-2 JM Webber 1 80-4 MOUHANNED (D) J Cld 5-10-3 JM Mornhead 2 1000 CANTABLE (Lady 8 Brocke 4-10-0 JM Batle STAR ALLINGE (D) R Morn's 5-10-0 JM STAR ALLINGE (D) R Morn's 5-10-0 JM Care 1 800-4 HMTSBROOK B McKlehon MCKL 4 The Diplomet, 5 Josépuelle, 6 Princely Lad, John's Present, 8 me Sue, 12 Mollington, Moutenined, 14 others. 3.15 WERKIN HURDLE (novice: handicap: £690: 2m)

11-4 Grockie, 100-39 Jordale, 5 Indien Major, 6 Klaiyth, 19 Scarlei Saga, Kashili, 14 bassemos, 16 others. Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.45 Sandwalker, 1.15 Mint Streak, 1.45 Mullacurry, 2.15 Ardent Spy, 2.45 John's Present, 3.15 Pit Your Wits.

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Going Good. Television (BBC1) 1.0, 1.35, 2.5 races.

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£	635: 2	m) (22 runners).	
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1.0 DAILY MIRROR CHASE (handicap: conditional

jockeys: £2,141: 2m) (13) 2213 FIRE DRILL (CD) Y Siehop 8-10-12 W Newto-Joi 011-0 KINGS SINGER (D) J Juvell 9-10-7 E Murch 4-00 BUTTON BOY (E) (D) N Aystrs 10-10-7 200-0 IJANAR (D) N Gessides 8-10-7 10(0f NORTHERN DESPATCH (D) 8 Series 18-10-7 G Charles Jones 18 2021 CROWNING MOMENT (6) (D) I Wardie 8-10-7 (8 ex)

19 19th METELA R E Pocock 7-10-7 100-30 Midnight Song, 7-2 Lucyter, 4 Water Rock, 6 Crowning smert, 15-2 Fer Bridge, 12 Ulmer, Tudor Road, 14 Fire Dritt, 16 others. 1.35 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE HANDICAP (£3,254:

2m 6f) ((24).	
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12.45 RISBY HURDLE (selling: £580; 2m) (19runners) 3 Ronysol, 4 Yo-Ho, 9-2 Not Essy, 6 Better Eld, Buy Transport, 8 ye Bay, 10 Marcio's Carl, 14 others.

1.15 LIMBER HILL CHASE (novices: £1,042: 2m) (11) 1.15 LIMBEH HILL CHASE (NOVICES: 21,042 2m) (11)

1.0031 SEA SPILASH O Britanna 7-11-13 K Whyte
2.0039 ALASKAN PRINCE (8) G Morram 8-11-9 K Whyte
3.011-2 B & K EMPEROR M W Easterby 5-11-9 Mr R Boggen 4
5.1919 FRASASS D W Chapman 8-11-9 Mr R Boggen 4
6.223 CAWICEN DYKE J Blurded 7-11-8 D Liften
11.0349 CYBRARDKAN M H Easterby 5-11-8 Mr T Easterby
13.00-00 FLIGHT SHEET P Felipsto 7-11-8 Mr T Easterby
14.000-2 GOLD LIMER AMBEY J Hardy 5-11-8 S Johnson
16.000-1 SEE ANDY F Coton 6-11-1 S Johnson
16.000-1 LAVEHHAM BLUE J WRIGHT 6-10-12
10.003-1 LAVEHHAM BLUE J WRIGHT 6-10-12
10.40 SWET MESSENGER D Moorhead 4-10-8 A Broughman 15-8 B and K Emperor, 7-2 Camber Dyles, 9-2 See Splines, 8 Present, Cybrandias, 10 Goldiner Alber, 14 others.

.45 KILVINGTON HURDLE (handicap: £1,814: 2m

9-4 Grinders, 11-4 Sammoor Court, 7-2 Macs Gift, 5 King of Strees, 8 Octo., 12 others.

2.5 BETTER BET CORAL CHASE (handicap: £1,954: 5 3-040 TOMPS LITTLE AL (B) (CD) WWIRING 7-11-8 R Milmur 4

6 34119 1-1022 BALLYMILAN F Sheridan 6-11-3 H David
19 1-1022 BALLYMILAN F Sheridan 6-11-3 H David
12 1212 LODGE'S FORTUNE Mrs S Devenport 8-11-1 (4 ex)
15 114:00 LUCKY REW T Buton 8-10-8
17 494918 114:40 TOWER SRIDGE (CD) G Small 12-10-5 V McKevel
20 24/14 FUZZA (CD) N Gasetee 12-10-6 V McKevel
20 24/14 FUZZA (CD) N Gasetee 12-10-6 V McKevel
21 21/14 COMPRE (D) R Hodgee 7-10-6 V McKevel
22 240-4 VIRGIN SOLDIER J Cits 7-10-0 S McSevel
23 10:00 RUN TO MEN Mitchell 8-10-0 S McSevel
29 10:00 RUN TO MEN Mitchell 8-10-0 S Powel
30 21/0-0 DAWN FOX P Duggins 10-10-0 M William
31 9:00-2 DAWN FOX P DUggins 10-10-0 M William
33 19:00 ROOK WOCD B Sorver 7-10-0 Lotte At 8 4 km bdan 8-10-3 P Hobbs S Powel 7 M Williams 5-2 Lodge's Fortune, 3 Care, 4 Ballymian, 5 Tom's Little Al, 8 Always Willing, 19 Virgin Soldier, 14 Lucky Flaw, 18 others.

2.35 HARRY DUFOSEE CHASE (handicap: £1,970: 10-00 DODDINGTON PARK N Gunder 10-12-0 1 10-00 DODDINGTON FARS IN SAME TO THE STATE OF THE STATE Mr T Thomson Jones Mr Bosley 7 9 bp-0 DRUBECONDRA J Booley 8-11-3 Mr T Thomson Jones
2124 ROGA WAY (D) J Thome 8-10-10 P Nicholis
4 (nit-9 WLD GAMEBLE (CD) J Cobiden 9-10-0 P Hobbs
5 4000- ROMANY COUNT W WILDIGHTS 11-10-10 P Hobbs
6 0111 PRED PILLINER M Scudemore 8-10-10 (4 ex) P Gever 7
9 (pp. 11 GIDDYCAN (D) K Bishop 7-10-7 (4 ex) P Gever 7
00 1122 ANOTHER P LATER P Barley 8-10-1 R Bronge 4
00 123 MEMBRIDGE P Dutbase 8-10-0 Mr Peter Hobbs 4
00 124 STORMY SPRING D Micholision 6-10-0 C Brown
10 10-12 KARS J Old 7-10-0 ROMANDER P.

ii 6122 KARS JOId 7-10-0 11-4 Crimison Embers, 100-30 Broadheath, 9-2 Fried Pillimer, I Idycan, 10 Royel Admiral, 12 Another Plator, 16 Koga Way, 20 others

3.15 STII 2639: 2	RRUP-CUP	HURDLE	(Div II: 4	l-y-o no	vices
3 1	ROSE RAVO	E (D) FW	beryn 10-12	8	Pusev
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7 0-10	CORDITE SS	AD C James PEAR J Bosley	10-10		innley'
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10 .	GOLDEN RO	OTS D Tucke	r 10-10		
11 1	HIGHLAND (CLIPPER A Tu	mell 10-10	PI	Syrme '
12	HORN OF PL	ENTY J Edwa	rds 10-10		-71.00
13 0-003	MORRORS J	Thoma 10-10		P)	Vicholi
16	KAND FLOV	VER A BINTOW	10-10	LOTE	Vincen
17 0-00	KING'S FOR	EST L Kennar	d 10-10		Brown
16	LOVER BOY	J Thoma 10-1	IQ		
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22 6	SCALE THE	HEIGHTS P D	UCCURE 10-10		
23 2	SEABATTLE	J Gifford 10-1	D	PA	lichotis
25	THE REJECT	F Winter 10-	10	B d	e Haai
25 3300	UNCLE DAI.	J Thomas 10-1			Wite Page
30 44	BRAVE MAI	DEN M Pipe 1	D-5		Lead
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32 p0-f0	CORAL WIN	GS R Blakene	y 10-5	р	Hobbi
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36 I 37	MUMMY'S A	MGEL S Parte	more 10-5		
	HAKWORTH	RY POND T FO	rster 10-5		Davisa
9-4 Ross Horrors, 12 B	Pavene, 7-2 D Irave Maden,	esp Impressió 16 others.	m, 4 Seebeld	s, 6 The Re	Jack, 1

Wincanton selections By Michael Phillips 12.30 Derby Dilly, 1.0 Water, Rock, 1.35 Rigton Beau, ... 2.5 Lodge's Fortune, 2.35 Koga Way, 3.5 Rose Ravine.

2.15 BRUCE CARR CHASE (novices: £2,139.3m) (16)

15-8 Red Mile, 11-4 Forgive N' Forget, 7-2 Brunton Perk, 5-trome, 10 Stewards, 14-1 others. 2.45 ACCURATE HURDLE (novices: £837; 2m) (19) 7-4 Keelyby Kavalier, 11-4 Chuckbuck, 6-2 Noble Philip, 13-2 renombre, 10 Molon Luve, 12 Song Ministrel, 16 others.

3.15 KERNEL CHASE (handicap: £1,501: 2m) (8) 0/042 GAY INVADER (D) G Flatcher 9-10-5 PBertow 1230 DEAR REPRUS (D) J Harris 11-10-5 PHIO1 P1-6F LOCH RYAN HOUSE (CD) O Breamen 6-10-5 C PINION 0006 WARREN GORSE (CD) S Avery 9-10-5 13-8 Londolozi, 9-4 Royal Reder, 9-2 Mr Merisbridge, 6 Gey Investor,

Market Rasen selections

By Michael Seely
12.45 Marnie's Girl. 1.15 Cybrandian. 1.45 Cap Too.
2.15 Red Mills. 2.45 Chuckbuck. 3.15 Londologi.

So True, only just short of too class on the Flat this year, is to be ches on the Flat this year, is to be aimed at the Triumph Hurdle and will make her debut over timber at Chepstow on Tuesday. Leading bookmakers are taking no chances with the daughter of So Blessed and quote her at 33-1 for the Cheitenham race before she has even jumped a hurdle in public.

Cheitenham race before she has even jumped a hurdle in public.

Toby Balding, the filly's trainer, and Miss Bridger Swire, her owner-breeder, thought long and hard before deciding to campaign her over hurdles. "She is a valuable property and we were not sure whether to risk her". Balding said. "But she has schooled really well. Whether to risk her". Balding said.
"But she has schooled really well loves soft ground and Miss Swire is keen that she should take her chance. My only doubt is that she is not very big."

So True will have her first run in the Finels County to the race in

the Finale Hurdle - the race in which Decent Fellow, also trained by Balding, made his debut seven years ago. Decent Fellow, who is rated by Balding the best horse he has trained, went on to finish second in the 1977 Triumph Hurdle and won the Irish Sweeps Hurdle ater that year.

"If she runs well at Chepstow, sho will then take in the Stroud Green Hurdle at Newbury and the KP Hurdle at Kempton before tackling the Triumph". Balding said. The iuvenile championship has never been won by a filly, but Balding confirmed that the Triumph was "very much" her target.

Regardless of how she fares over hurdles. So True stays in training for the 1984 Flat season and Bailding already has her earmarked for a group two race at Sandown in April. This year she beat Shareef Dancer, the substantial for the stay of the s the subsequent Irish Sweeps Derby winner, at level weights in the Esher Cup at Sandown and twice finished second in group company, chasing home Give Thanks in the Musidora Stakes at York and Jupiter Island in the St Simon at Newbury. All these



Toby Balding: expanding his Flat team.

her preference for some give underfoot means she will have a better chance than most high-class Fair recruits of reproducing her best over hurdles.

over hurdles.

Balding and Miss Swire have high hopes of a big-race double on Tuesday, as Lucky Vane has a leading chance in the Coral Welsh National. The eight-year-old has won his only two races this season at Devon and Exeter and Warwick and he has been trained with the Chepstow race in mind this winter rather than the Grand National. "We may still have a crack at Aintree, but time is on our side and we'll probably wait util next season, Balding said. The Weyhill trainer is enjoying

his best start to a season for several

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

JOCKEYS J O'Nest
J Francome
P Scudamore
R Rowe
S Smith Eccles
H Daughty
P Tuck
S Morshaad
A Webbar
K Johas
G Bradley

2.45 WEST COUNTRY CHASE (han dicap: £3,052: 3m 2f 100yd) (11)

2 11-0 Herr Capitan 7-11-7 ...kr E Whettum 3 p-20 Carderd Ginger 8-11-4 .J H Davies 4 4 f1-f Bickleigh Eridge 9-11-2

George Knight 5 000- Romany Count 11-18-11

7 p11 Gleidycan 7-10-8 (4 ex) __P Richards 93/13- Comme 7-10-8 (4 ex) __P Richards 93/13- Comme 7-10-8 (5) 7-10-5 Nr P Hobbe 4 10 30-0 Gleided Gold (5) 7-10-5 P Nichols 11 012 400 Nocte 8-10-2 _____Nr J White 13 00-1 Gallant Prince 8-10-0

11-4 Giddyoun, 100-50 Cardord Ginger,

3.45 SOUTH WEST HURDLE (Div II: Part 2: novices: £760; 2m 150yd) (11)

2 4 Airship 5-11-10 _____G Davies 4 p-p Charle John 8-11-10

13-5 Sammy Lux. 3 Indian Major.

3.15 SOUTH WEST IN

L Bloomfield

Newton Abbot

6 302 Pampered Gipsy 4-11-5 John William Going: heavy
12.15 SOUTH WEST HURDLE (Div I, a 0/0) Henrys Weech 4-11-3 John Whitelen
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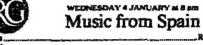


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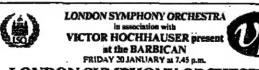


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From Our Correspondent, Beirat

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, paid a pre-Christmas visit to the British wrong here, it could affect our peace-keeping force here yester-day and praised the "skilful commitment by the very limited number of British soldiers" in protecting Britain's interests.

He said the 97-man British contingent of the multi-national force was "playing quite a troops.

Although Mr Heseltine met the building where the Lebanese Ceasefire Committee has been counterpart, during his one-day Ceasefire Committee has been meeting to try to hold together the truce agreement.

Asked about the likelihood that the British contingent would be withdrawn he replied: "I do not want to talk about pulling out. What we are trying ment has for what they are to do is encourage the dialogues doing he said. that are going on.

and one must realize there are Clash over Arafat photograph, implications.

"It is very possible that if.

Mr Heseltine chatted and shook hands with the soldiers: He was accompanied by Air Vice-Marshal Donald Hall, They brought Christmas trees, beer, cakes, and cards for the

visit, he said it was intended mainly to bring greetings to the

British soldiers.
"I: thought it would be particularly appropriate to come here and indicate the great gratitude that the Govern-

Mr Heseltine added: "There Hernu, the French Defence are risks even to Britain if this Minister, arrived here yesterday situation is to escalate. One and declared that he would be must realize that the super- spending Christmas with the powers are very close to each French contingent of the multiother in this part of the world national force, Beirut radio said

Moral stance may leave Salvation Army helpless

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

homeless and hungry people in organization which does not New York, is in danger of losing comply and claims the Sal-the £3.5m it gets from the city vation Army is a lone voice authority because of its views among thousands on homosexuality. The charity said its conservative interpretation replaced a different forms. The charity runs many services in New York. A ation makes it difficult for it to spokesman said the money it

the city must agree not to affect it discriminate against workers or job applicants on the grounds of race, creed colour, origin, sex, homosexuals who need help. Its age, handicap, marital status, view on homosexuality is that sexual orientation, or affectional preference".

The Salvation Army does not include the last two categories conduct in its employment policy as the

The Salvation Army, which demands. The city says it helps thousands of distressed cannot do business with an

comply with an order issued by gets from the city is a Mayor Edward Koch. Mayor Edward Koch. substantial part of its budget Contractors who deal with and the loss would severely

> The Salvation Army says it does not discriminate against homosexuals who need help. Its "we will object to the conduct and embrace in Christian love the person guilty of

The city and the charity are order trying to resolve the difficulty.

Midnight Eucharist, St Margaret's

Chelses, 11.45.
Carols on steps with
Salvation Army band, 9, midnight
Mass, 11.30, St Martin's-in-the-

Pentagon critical of senior officers

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

The US Joint Chiefs of Staff are considering reecommending disciplinary action against senior officers responsible for the security of the Marine compound in Beirut destroyed by a car bomb on October 23, when 241 servicemen died.

Their decision will be based on the findings of a special commission headed by retired Admiral Robert Long, set up by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Secretary of State, to look into the incident.

Although the report has not yet been made public, Mr Weinberger has said that it "is critical and blames a number of people for not exercizing what in hindsight would have been

According to the New York
Times, the Pentagon report
contains similar criticisms to those made in a separate Congressional study into the bombing made public earlier this week.

The study, prepared by a House armed services subcommittee, concluded that "very serious errors in judgment" by officers on the ground and up through the chain of command had left the Marines vulnerable

The Pentagon report, which is expected to be made public shortly (although with sections deleted) is said to blame military officers in Washington, European command (which has overall responsibility for US troops in Lebanon) and in Beirut.

the report are General Paul Kelly, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Colonel Timothy Geraghty, who was the Marine commander in Beirut at the time of the attack.

General Kelley was criticized in the Congressional report for providing inaccurate infor-mation to the House subcommittee. However, Mr Weinberger desended General Kelly during a television interview this week, saying he had not deliberately misled Congress but had merely reported information that was available to him at the time.



Identical car made to trace bombers

Continued from page 1

John Gordon, who lost a leg in than £14,000 and the Sun more the blast, was intended to prevent the loss of his other leg.

Inspector Stephen Dodd's launched by Harrods, began condition deteriorated during with £50,000. Mr Alec Crad-the day After difficulties with the day. After difficulties with on a dialysis machine.

raised for the bomb's victims another operation had been and their relatives. Chelsea carried out on Police Constable police station has received more

dock, its managing director. his kidney function, he was put said that offers of money had come from as far away as More than £70.000 has been Iceland.

Mrs Sara Jones, widow of blast (the Press Association Colonel "H" Jones, who was killed in the Falklands, has also agreed to be a trustee of the

 The Harrods bombers had earned "universal detestation", a Roman Catholic priest said yesterday at the funeral of Mr Philip Geddes, aged 24, a Daily Express journalist killed in the reports). Almost 500 mourners packed St Mary's Church in Mr Geddes home town of Barrowin-Furness. Cumbria, for a requiem mass addressed by

NOON TODAY

Father Robert Bickerstaffe. Relatives of Sergeant Noel Lane had asked for no publicity to be given to his cremation yesterday at Croydon Crema-

torium. Fifty Metropolita: Police officers and the Com-missioner, Sir Kenueth New man, attended the ceremony. The funeral of Woman Polic Constable Jane Arbuthnot age
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Carols and services

Carols, Church of Christ the Caroes, Church of Christ the King, 7.30, Midnight Holy Communion, Guards Chapel, Birdonge Walk, 11.30, Midnight Mass, St Clen Danes, Strand, 11,30.

Midnight Mass, St Marylebone Parish Church, 11,30. Carols, 6, midnight Mass. 11.30, St Pancras Church. Carols with blessing of the crib. 4

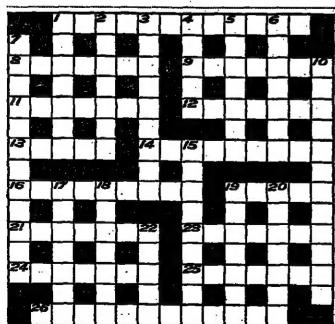
Solution of Puzzle No 16,312



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.318

A prize of The Tittles Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times. Saturday Crossword Competition, 13 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

withers and solution will be processed new solution.
The witness of last Saturday's competition are:
Mr. N. F. Bunker, Flat 3, 3 Ashdown Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40
ISE: Mr. J. C. Harding, 14 Slade Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 9BS; Mr. W. M.
Woodings, 29 Mostford Avenue, Crewe, Cheshire, CW/13RT.



1 Mathematical technique tended parliamentary vote (4-8). 8 Doesn't eat right in the sticks

11 Red-nosed heart-throb (7). 12 More prepared to pass on and

13 Prisoner very brave to show this

16 it's rammed roughly half-way between the banks (9). 19 Fish I caught and ground (5). 21 Roundhead measure upset (7). 23 This train has no brakes, we hear

24 A lot of rope (7).

26. A lot of rope (1).

25. Thief makes little noise, right?

20. One who pays for damage to

1 Lover who used to swim and look around (7). 2 Chamberlain and kingmaker (7).

Let off free (9). Rev motor after six (5). girl (7). 6 Wilde's not second in a wind

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17 Money left in around the Post Office is tied up (7).

18 Threesome - go round in it (7). 19 Cutter's crew getting noticed (4-

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword with an additional set of concisclues is on page 25 of today's Saturday section.

midnight Mass. 11.30. St Paul's Christmas music and solemn

midnight Mass. The Oratory,
Brompton Road, 11.30.
Festival of Nine Lessons and
carols, Bath Abbey, 7.
Festival of Nine Lessons and
carols, St Olave's, Marygate, York,
5 20. Children's Carols, 5, carols, 7.30, Coventry Cathedral. Evensong with nine lessons and carels, St George's Chapel, Windson, the body.

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Beacons, firework displays, torch-light processions and other festiv-tues are being arranged at 200 venues throughout the country to welcome in the new year. To find out what is happening in

your area at midnight on December 31 ring Bruno Peck, originator and national organizer of the English Tourist Board's "Old Father Time" project on 061-732 2244. The line will be manned daily from Tuesday next, December 27.

Sale, sale, sale

London and provincial sales starting dates include: starting dates include:
December 27: Liberty; Dickens and
Jones, Regent Street; Debenhams,
all branches; Austin Reed, Regent
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Aquiscutum, Regent Street; Jaeger, Regent Street and branches; Barkers. Kensington; D. H. Evans, Oxford Street; Scotch House, 84 and 191 Regent Street; Burberrys, 18-22 Haymarket; 165 Regent Street and 64 Buchanan Street, Glasgow, Dingles, Plymouth, British Home Stores in Scotland, Moss Bros. December 28: Selfridges: Fenwick, New Bond Street: Dickens and

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December 30: Peter Jones: C & A Stores: John Lewis, Bristol, Edin-burgh, Milton Krynes, Peterbo-

Jamary 5: Harvey Nichols; Bentalls, all branches; Fortum and Mason, Piccadilly; Lilleywhites, Piccadilly Circus; Long Tall Sally.

January 6: Harrods. January 7: Reject Shop; David Mellor.

The papers

One of the joys, or sorrows, of hristmas is to look around and see low we as a zation are doing. And the answer must be pretty well, the Daily Express says. "The jingle of the cash registers tells its own story. A country that can clear the store shelves of home computers to the tune of half-a-million sets at up to £200 a time, can't be doing badly."

The Sun asks readers to spare a thought for the five families who

were bereaved by the Harrods bomb. "But the real message of Christmas is that hope never dies." Reflecting on the many people who are not regular churchgoers who go to church on Christmas Day, the Daily Mail says: "The last thing they want is a sermon with a political message or the well-meaning views of a clergyman who might just as well be a social worker."

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Cooking a turkey

For those stranded without a recipe for roest turkey:

The slow roasting method is generally better if time permits. For very large birds it is not always practicable. Set the turkey on a rack in a shallow reasting tin and baste it every 15 to 20 minutes throughout cooking time. It is ready when the juices run clear. Test with a skewer in the thickest part of the leg close to

TIMETABLE			
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Here's to you!

In case of cold, or colds, over the coliday, here is a punch with a difference - limy rather than spicy: Gently warm a pound of syrup in a pan, add a bottle of dark rum, the juice and chopped rinds of 12 limes, and half a pint of orange juice. Keep at low simmer for 10 minutes. Serve hot or cold:

Shoplifters' counsel

Christmas is one of the peak periods for shoplifting, this year, an organization formed to help those accused of such offences is just getting into its stride. It just getting into its stride. It calls itself Crisis Counselling for alleged Shoplifters and offers moral support and waterical advice to those who may practical advise to those who may feel that they have been wrongly accused. Cases involving children are especially welcome. CCAS is c/o NCPC, London, NW4 (write sending a 30p stampted addressed envelope.

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The British Library will reopen on Tuesday. December 27.

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Bank holidays

The banks reopen after the Christmas break on Wednesday, December 28, but will be shut again on January 2 and in Scotland on

In the garden

Water houseplants regularly but carefully. Do not overwater or allow pots to stand in a saucer of water for more than two or three bours.
Cyclamen do not adapt quickly to a changed environment. They will need plenty of water; stand the pot what the plant bas not taken up after three hours. Do not allow water to fall on the young buds; they may rot. Keep eyelamen in a cool room - the hall may be a good place - where the temperature does not rise much above 60°F.

house plants for aphids, greenfly and similar pests; spray if necessary if we can spray our apples, plums or cherry trees, including the ornamental forms of prunes, with a tar oil winter wash in the next two or three weeks, next year's aphid population would be reduced enormously. Tar oil also cleans the trees and deciduous shrubs of green

Roads

Although most big roadworks have been suspended over Christ-mus there could still be delays at the

mas there could still be delays at the following:
London and South-east: A40:
Western Avenue between Horsenden Lane and Medway Parade, new layout; long delays. M20: from A20 (junction 5/Maidstone West) to W. mile E of A249 (junction 7 Sheerness/Sittingbourne). major reconstruction: contraflow traffic on both carriageways: avoid if possible. M25: Southbound between junctions 28 and 30 (A12 to A13) line. tions 28 and 30 (A12 to A13) Lane

closures; extra care, reduce speed.
Wales and West: A55: Construction of Bangor bypass, Gwynedd;
traffic restrictions. M4: Lane traine restrictions. M4: Lane closures for bridge repairs between junction 21 and 22 across Severn Bridge, affecting both carriageways. M4: Lane closures at junction 32 (Cardiff) and 34 (Liantrisant); delays.
North: M1: Repairs between junctions 33 and 34, South Yorks:

contrallow; delays expected. A575: Sewer scheme causing diversions at Egerton Street. Farmworth, Greater Manchester.

Midlands: A38: Repairs to

Burton upon Trent bypass; two-way traffic on one carriageway and diversion at Clay Mills, A46: Lane closures at Warwick bypass, A1: Roadworks N of Norman's Cross, Cambridgeshire, contrallow southound.
Scotland: A92: Road realignment

Scottand: A92: Road realignment one mile N of Glenrothes; northbound carriageway closed: care required. A75: Repairs at Buccleuch Street Bridge, Dumfries; one lane only in each direction. A7: Surface damage and road widening south of Gorebridge; single-lane traffic controlled by lights,

Information supplied by AA

Anniversaries

Births: King John, Oxford (?), 1167 (?); George Crabbie, poet. Aldeburgh, Sutfolk, 1754; James Prescott Joule, physicist, Salford, Lancashire, 1818; Matthew Arnold, Ramon Jiménez, poet. 1956, Moguer, Spain, 1881. Deaths: John Dunstable, composer, London, 1453; William Makepeace Thackeray,London, 1863.

Births: Sir Issac Newton, Woolsthorpe, Liocolnshire, 1642; William Collins, Chichester, 1721; Aleksandr Scriabin, composer, Moscow, 1871; Mohammed Ali Jinnah, creator of Pakistan, Karashi 1872; Mannian Heilla, painter chi, 1876; Maurice Utrille, painter, Paris, 1883, Karel Capek, writer, died in Prague, 1938.

Weather

6am to midnight London, SE, Central S, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands (E), Channel Islands: Rather cloudy but mostly dry at first, rain later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

E, Central N, NE England, Midlands (W): Rain at first, heavy in places, becoming mainly dry with bright intervals; wind mainly SW, fresh; max temp 10 to 11C (50 to 52F).

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temp 10 to 11C (50 to 52F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Ista of Man, Northern Ireland: Rain at first, heavy in places, becoming mainly dry but cloudy. Wind mainly SW, fresh or strong: max temp 9 to 10C (48 to 50F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Durdee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow Argyl: Cloudy with rain at times, snow in places at first, chiefly on hills, mainly dry later, wind E, strong, locally gale, becoming SW, fresh or strong, max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 48F).

Control Nightends, Moray Firth, NE

SE, veering SW, sea rough or very rough. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind SW, strong to gale; sea rough or very rough. Irist Sea: Wind SE, veering SW, strong to gale; sea rough or very rough.

Moon rises: Moon set 9,24 pm 11,34 sm r: December 26 Last Quarter

Lighting-up time

TOMORROW
London 4-29 pm to 7-36 am
London 4-29 pm to 7-35 am
Bristol 4-36 pm to 7-45 am
Edinburgh 4-12 pm to 8-14 am
Renchester 4-23 pm to 7-55 am
Penzance 4-54 pm to 7-51 am

A trough of low pressure will

temp 6 to 8C (43 to 48F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Sleet or snow spreading from S, heavy at times with drifting, but turning to rain at low level; wind E, strong, locally gale, becoming SW later; max temp 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and scattered snow showers at first, more persistent sleet or snow later with some drifting; wind E, moderate, increasing strong, locally gale; max temp 1 to 3C (34 to 37F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Boxing Day; Rather cloudy with rain me sunshine; near normal temperature.

nser normal temperature. SEA PASSAGES: S North See: Wind

TODAY

TOMORROW

TODAY Londox 4.25 pm to 7.35 am Bristot 4.35 pm to 7.45 am Edinburgh 4.11 pm to 8.14 am Manchaster 4.23 pm to 7.55 am Penzance 4.53 pm to 7.50 am

Around Britain

High tides TODAY

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